

The Flashlight

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MU still lending a hand to Mansfield High

by Liz Visotski
staff writer

Mansfield University is helping out the local school district and the community and perhaps boosting its future enrollment.

The university has been hosting junior high school in Alumni Hall for several months. The students are seventh and eighth graders from Mansfield High School. They have been using the building since the beginning of the school year due to renovations at their home school, but the end is drawing near.

"We have a new architect who is trying to get the project back on schedule," said High School Principal Trent Bocan. "We're just trying to get the kids back in the building."

The university has been trying to make the situation as bearable as possible. They have worked hard to create a middle school atmosphere for the students as well as adding other perks such as library and rec center use over the semester break and a special meal for faculty and students in Manser Dining Hall.

Joseph Maresco, vice president of student affairs, said that the students have had no adverse effect on the university. Renovations are not scheduled to begin on Alumni Hall until well after the temporary residents have left.

Mr. Maresco said that

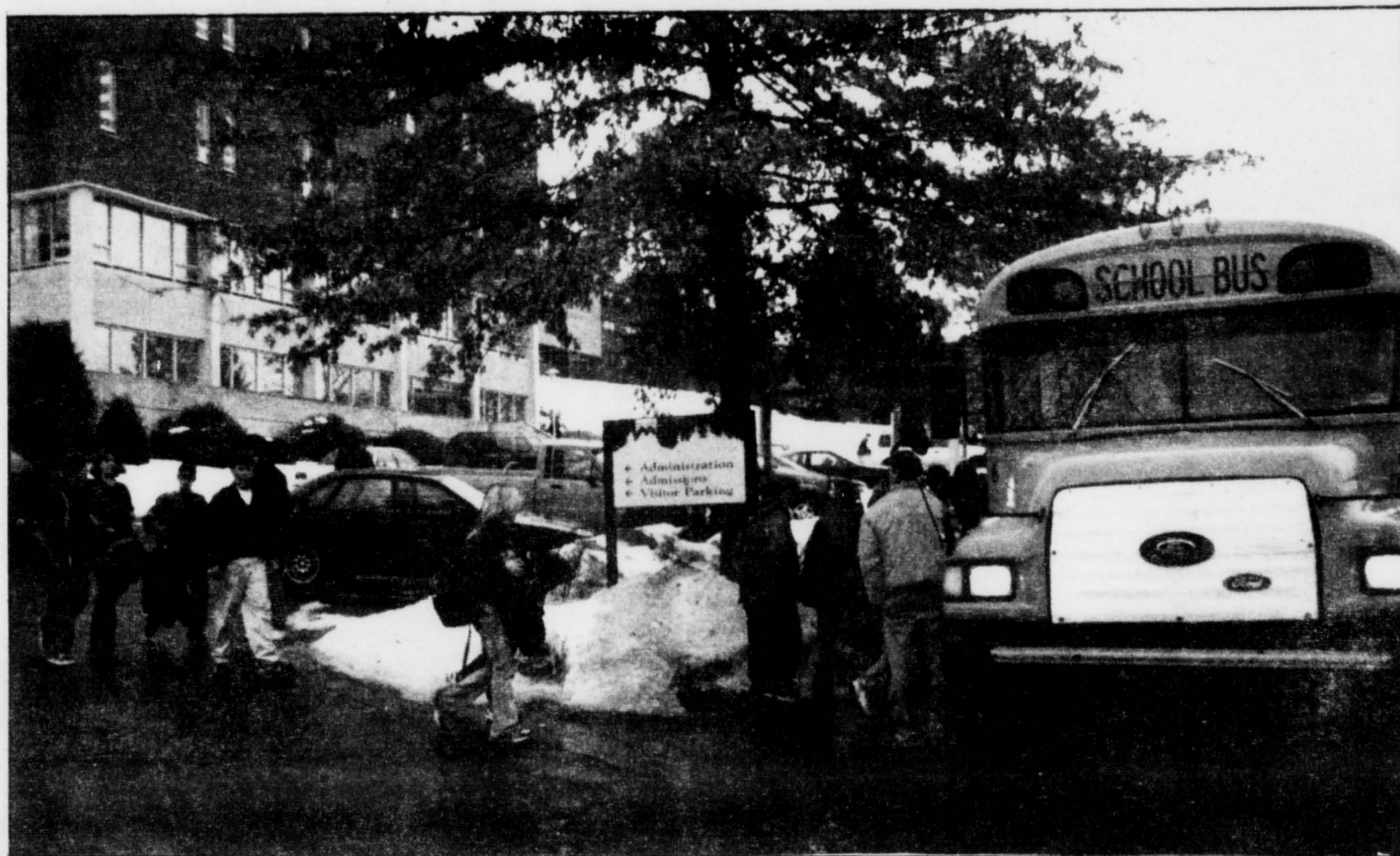


photo by Joe Wagner

Seventh and Eighth grade students from Mansfield High School walk from their classes in the old library to buses that will take them home.

having the high school students on campus has had a positive affect in that it has had a positive affect on the community and has given the students a glimpse into life on campus, hopefully enticing them to attend the university in the future. He even hopes to have university students give residence hall tours to the high-school students.

The high school stu-

dents are confined to Alumni Hall for the most of the day, only leaving the building for the bus ride home. The routine runs

so smoothly that many university students do not even realize that their younger counterparts are still here. "Everyone

at the university has really gone out of their way to do a fantastic job," Bocan said.

CDs stolen from campus radio station

by Joe Wagner
editor in chief

When the student workers returned to the Giant 89 radio station after winter break, they received a surprise. About 80 CDs were missing from the Loud Rock and Alternative storage lockers.

According to the campus police report, the CDs were taken from the locked cabinet some time between January 9 and 10. The door to the office and locker were left secured on the ninth but found open the next day.

"When I came in, everything was gone," said Loud

Rock Director Forrest Smithkors. "The building was locked so I don't know how they got in. But, the lock to the office door was bent and looked like it was kicked in."

The police and the members of the radio station are not sure why the perpetrator entered the building to take the disks.

"I don't think it was a personal thing, but I really don't know," Smithkors said. "The CDs were ones sent directly from the record company to us. They were marked so whoever took them could not sell them."

Police are continuing the investigation which they consider burglary and forced entry.



photo by Joe Wagner

Students at Mansfield University have to deal with precipitation in different forms. Despite snow piles up to six feet high, students still have to be ready with their umbrellas.

New weather service offered

by Amber Lindquist
staff reporter

One of the most recent services that has been introduced in order to assist both students and teachers alike in the Mansfield University community is the Weather Line.

This service will enable anyone to know if the university is still open or, if due to severe conditions it has, in a sense, shut down said Public

Relations Director Scott Miller. University shutdowns are extremely rare, since it is university policy to remain open at all times.

A single telephone call will connect you to the weather line, Miller said. When an individual dials 662-4499 they will be connected to a pre-recorded message.

This message will only tell if the school itself is in operation or not. This service will most likely help those stu-

dents and professors who live out-of-town and are unsure of the conditions in Mansfield.

Individual class cancellations will not be on this recording. Cancellations that have been submitted to the Campus Announcement Network will still be announced in that manner, Miller said.

Another method to learn about single class cancellations is to contact the professor or watch the Campus Announcement Network.

Mountie Weather

Friday: Rain

Lo: 31°

Hi: 45°

Saturday: Rain

Lo: 39°

Hi: 52°

Campus radio is back up and running



photo by Joe Wagner

Nicole Cortez and Joy Hart are busy at work putting on their radio show at the Giant 89 studios.

Kimberly Sapone
news editor

Mansfield University welcomed back its campus radio station, 89.5, WNTE on Monday, January 18th, after being off the air since the end of last semester.

They were forced to stop all broadcasts because of not only their transmitter, but also their broadcast board malfunctioning.

With the help of engineer Jim Reed, who works with WETM, Channel 18 in Elmira, they were able to fix and replace everything that was damaged at a cost of about \$10,000.

With this new equipment, the station's directors hope to have one of their best semester's yet, improving not

only sound quality, but also the efficiency with which the station is run. "This semester we feel we are bigger and better than ever," says David Storey, the station's sales director.

From now on, WNTE will be reading the news every day from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. for the convenience of both students and faculty. They are hoping to cover more live news events, including live coverage of the governor's inauguration from Harrisburg on January 19th.

Giant 89.5 is also increasing the number of contests and giveaways that they have this semester.

"We are giving away movie tickets with movie trivia every week for the entire semester, and we are also in discussions with Pepsi for a major give-away," Storey says.

MU Students face weather upon return

By Lisa Robinson
Staff Reporter

One might say the students here at Mansfield University slid right into the spring semester of 1999.

Caught in the middle of a storm which left three inches of ice on the sidewalks and dumped seven inches of snow on the area, students found even a trip to dinner, let alone class, hazardous.

While the university never officially cancelled class or declared liberal leave, many professors chose to cancel classes because of the high number of commuters in their classes or the distance the professors themselves had to travel.

"I was surprised by the amount of snow, because it started out to be a warm winter," Junior, Music Education Major, Jessica Gardner said. "It was a little slippery getting to class, but it was okay."

Elementary education

major Krista Wheeler said commuters probably found the weather more difficult than those who live on campus.

"It might have hindered those who had to commute, but for those who lived on campus it wasn't too bad," Wheeler said.

Mansfield University Public Relations Writer/Editor Scott Miller reported that a new policy for announcing weather-related cancellations, university-wide was implemented in December.

According to Miller, the Weather Line is now the official university outlet for any announcements about university closings or liberal leaves.

If there had been a decision to close the university it would have been made by University President John Halstead, Miller said.

"The actual decision is made by the president and his designee and is made in conjunction with buildings and grounds crews and the university police," Miller said.

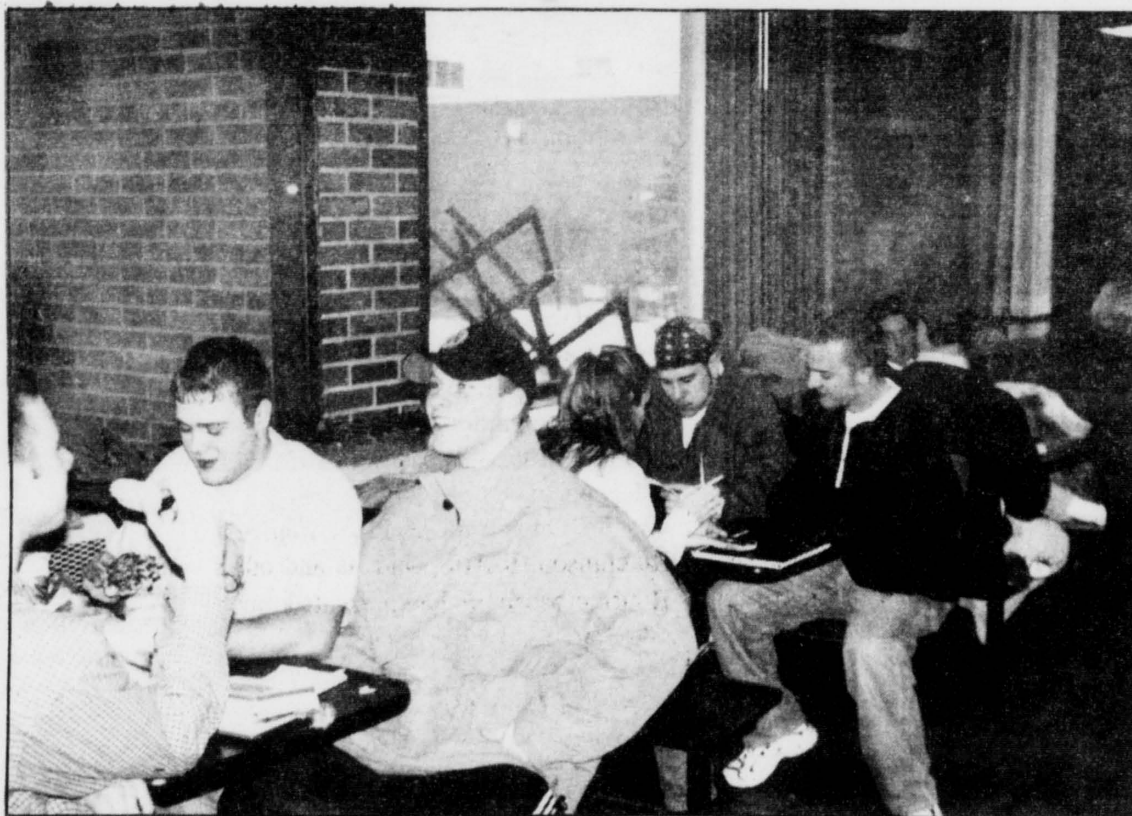


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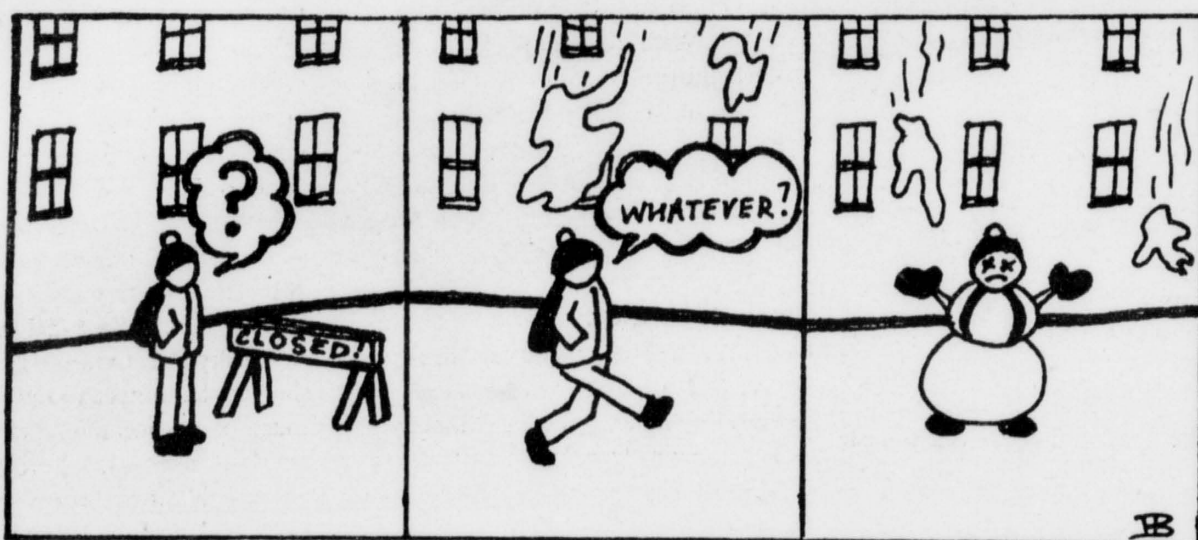
Mansfield University students socialize and study in Lower Manser.

Overall the snow did not seem to put much of a dent in many students' anticipation for the upcoming semester and

by the second week, with the snow and ice melting, students say the semester is in full swing.

Many students have commented that one problem has been getting books for their classes. The manager of the Campus Bookstore Donna Casselberry said the main reason for this is because of the jump in the number of students adding classes.

"We haven't had a lot of problems with the books this semester, but we have had a lot of reorders because of additions to classes," Casselberry said. "Some classes have reported having up to 20 people added their class."



Police Beat.....

1-11-99

Between the above dates, and times unknown person/s took a led projector from a locked room inside Simon B. Elliott Hall (no force). Item is easily identified as Mansfield University Property. Anyone with information relative to this matter should contact the Mansfield University Police Department at 662-4900.

1-19-99

Music CD's were discovered taken from a storage locker in an office at WNTE Radio in South Hall sometime between 1-09-99 and 1-10-99. The theft was discovered on 1-12-99. The type of music and the number of CD's was unknown. The door to the office was secure on 1-09-99 and found open on 1-10-99. The door jam was discovered damaged also 1-12-99 indicating forced

entry. Investigation is being continued.

1-19-99

A vehicle was damaged in the east parking lot. Windows were smashed out of both front doors. It is under investigation. There was approximately \$400.00 worth of damage. The vehicle is registered to an MU student.

1-21-99

Resident Assis-

tants responded to room 821 Maple B for an odor of burning incense. Resident assistants entering the room and on noticing stolen property attempted to confiscate. Mussari was not willing to cooperate with the resident Assistants requests so police were called. Police arrived on scene at 621 Maple B and during the course of the preliminary investiga-

tion recovered a stolen stop sign which had markings indicating it was the property of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The investigation is being continued.

1-20-99

An employee is being harassed at home and work with phone calls and drive-bys. The victim is a staff member who is acquainted with the suspect.

The Nation: Presidency in Crisis

from the AP Wire

Ex-Arkansas Senator joins Clinton Defense Team

Defending a longtime friend, former Sen. Dale Bumpers told the Senate the way to a coon supper.

To laughter, he added that they walked away unscathed "to the dismay of every budding politician in Arkansas."

Bumpers spoke from notes handwritten on yellow sheets torn from a legal pad. He was folksy, humorous and serious by turns, concentrating on the constitutional instructions for impeachment and insisting that Clinton's conduct didn't meet them.

"The people are saying 'please don't protect us from this man,' he added in a reference to Clinton's high public approval ratings.

He said Clinton had been subjected to a relentless, endless series of investigations over the past several years. "After all those years, \$50 million, Whitewater, travelgate, filegate, you name it...nothing. Nothing."

Clinton is guilty, Bumpers said, of a "terrible moral lapse of marital infidelity, not of breaches of public trust, not a crime against society."

Bumpers stepped to the speaker's lectern in the well of the Senate after David Kendall, Clinton's private attorney, had methodically attacked allegations of obstruction of justice lodged against the president.

Kendall cited direct testimony from Ms. Lewinsky and the president saying that he had never asked to lie in a legal affidavit. And the lawyer ridiculed claims that Clinton and his allies had arranged a job for the former

intern in order to buy her silence.

Kendall recited Ms. Lewinsky's testimony that "no one ever asked me to lie and I was never promised a job for my silence."

Pausing a second for effect, he asked senators in their seats: "Is there something difficult to understand here?"

On the job search, Kendall said, "Quid pro quo? No." "It would have been extremely easy for the president to arrange for her to be hired at the White House if there was some corrupt intent to silence her," Kendall told senators.

While Ms. Lewinsky was interviewed a couple of times in the summer of 1997, the interviews never resulted in a job offer. "The fix was not in," he said.

He said sarcastically that the only person who ever suggested that Ms. Lewinsky use her affidavit as leverage for a job was "Linda Tripp, that paragon of faithful friendship."

Mrs. Tripp surreptitiously tape-recorded numerous conversations with Ms. Lewinsky, then provided them to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

Outside the chamber, Rep. Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark., said he and other House prosecutors had presented much more direct evidence than Kendall indicated. And in addition, he said, "any jury is instructed not to set aside their common sense."

He and other prosecutors said they regretted they were to be given no time to rebut the Clinton defense. Several said they would try to use some of the questions for that purpose.

Clinton lawyers say justice obstruction charge unfair

President Clinton's private lawyer told senators today that evidence used by House prosecutors to allege obstruction of justice was "profoundly ambiguous" and that senators had an obligation to restore fairness to the impeachment process.

"The direct evidence disproves the charges," he argued, sparing no words for the president's critics. Attorney David Kendall denounced the Whitewater investigation that led to the impeachment inquiry as "tortuous and meandering" and said he was before the trial to rebut the "rhetoric" of the House prosecutors.

"The rule of law is more than rhetoric. It means in proceedings like these when important rights are being adjudicated that evidence matters, fairness matters."

The presumption of innocence matters and proportionality matters," argued Kendall, who has represented the president through a variety of legal controversies dating to 1993. Kendall focused his attack on the impeachment article accusing Clinton of obstruction of justice, saying it was "based on circumstantial evidence, and that evidence is at best profoundly ambiguous."

"The evidence plainly shows that the president did not obstruct justice in any way and there is nothing in this article that would warrant his removal from office," he added.

Kendall, a high-powered Washington trial lawyer, was to be followed by one of the Senate's best orators of recent years, just-retired Democrat Dale Bumpers of Arkansas.

He was to make an appeal to his colleagues to reject the House work as a rush to judgment and to spare the country an unworthy conviction of the president.

Senators would then get their first chance to ask questions of the two sides, submitting those queries through Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

The questioning is expected to begin Friday and continue Saturday.

Some 70 questions have been submitted by Republicans so far, a GOP spokesman said today. Republicans have said they oppose dismissal of the charges and support the need for limited live testimony from key witnesses, such as Monica Lewinsky, Clinton friend Vernon Jordan and presidential secretary Betty Currie - and they should get their way with a 55-45 majority.

Clinton Defense Rests, Saying the Charges are Based on "Myths"

President Clinton's lawyers closed his defense Thursday, saying the Senate should reject the impeachment case against him because it was based on myths and endangered the constitutional system.

"Don't leave a precedent from which we may never recover and almost surely will regret," former Sen. Dale Bumpers warned his one-time colleagues in the close of three days defense against two articles of impeachment.

Bumpers' soaring rhetoric followed more lawyerly approaches by White House attorneys who argued the charges of perjury and obstruction of justice passed by the House of Representatives last month were not true and did not measure up to the standards needed to remove Clinton from office.

"The president did not commit perjury; he did not obstruct justice, and there are no grounds to remove him from office," Clinton's private attorney, David Kendall, said Thursday in rebuttal of the charges that arose out of president's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

"There are a lot of myths about what the evidence is in this case," Kendall said. "Some of them are misunderstandings based upon erroneous media reports."

Some spring from confusion in the evidence itself, and some are the result of concerted partisan distortion."

Bumpers, a longtime friend of Clinton's who served four terms in the Senate, presented a history lesson of the Constitution's framers and argued the "terrible moral lapse" made by Clinton did not reach the level of impeachable offenses.

"If you vote to convict, in my opinion you're going to be creating more havoc than he could ever possibly create," Bumpers said.

With the end of Bumpers' speech, the presentation portion of the impeachment trial came to an end.

Beginning at 1 p.m. EST (1800 GMT) Friday and continuing Saturday, senators will begin questioning in open session the House prosecutors who presented their case last week and the White House team.

The big battles over calling witnesses and whether to vote on dropping the whole matter will come Monday.

Some Democrats pushed a proposal for an up-or-down vote on whether to convict, but that appeared unlikely to happen.

Two-thirds of the Senate must vote to convict Clinton in order to remove him from office, a situation that almost no one believes exists now.

But few also were willing to predict exactly what will happen next week when the Senate enters uncharted waters with little precedent in only the second presidential impeachment trial in history. Most Democrats do not want to call witnesses, saying that would just prolong the process.

Thursday Republican Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama said he was not persuaded that witnesses were needed.

Asked if other Republicans were not convinced witnesses were needed, he said "I don't think I'm alone."

Talk like that prompted some

Democrats to hope that enough Republicans were shifting their positions and want to get the vote over with so Congress can get to work on other issues.

But Rep. Henry Hyde, the Illinois Republican who heads the House prosecution team, warned against shutting off the process too soon.

"I think it would be a mistake to rush to judgement simply because, as people keep repeating, never tire of saying, this is one of the most important votes you'll ever make," Hyde said.

Public opinion polls keep giving Clinton high marks and show that most Americans would like to see him stay in office.

For his part, Clinton has been trying to stay away from the fray but a White House official said he watched some of Bumpers' presentation on television.

In his speech Bumpers warned a vote to convict could destabilize the presidency and on a personal basis Clinton had already suffered enough for what he called "a breach of his marriage vows."

"It was a breach of his family trust," he said. It is a sex scandal," Bumpers told folksy jokes about his days in Arkansas and his friendship with Clinton over two decades, but did not excuse his conduct and said he should have thought twice before going ahead with his affair with Lewinsky.

"Just as you and you and you and you," he said pointing around the Senate chamber, "and millions of other people who have been caught in similar circumstances, should have thought of it before. And I say none of us are perfect."

Kendall took the more legalistic approach, making a point-by-point rebuttal of the obstruction of justice case, claiming it was based on circumstantial evidence which many witnesses, including Lewinsky, disputed under oath.

"Ms. Lewinsky has repeatedly and forcefully denied any and all suggestions that the president ever asked her to lie," Kendall said. "Ms. Lewinsky's testimony is credible and she has the motive to tell the truth because of her immunity with the independent counsel, where she gets in trouble only if she lies."

Kendall omitted other Lewinsky testimony that might be more supportive of the House case. House prosecutors, who presented their case last week, said they hoped to respond during the question-and-answer period.

"We're anxious for a rebuttal opportunity so we can respond to the arguments of the president's counsel," said Rep. Asa Hutchinson, an Arkansas Republican who was one of the 13 House prosecutors.

Senators will be given 16 hours, beginning in open session Friday, to present the president's lawyers and House prosecutors with written queries submitted through U.S. Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

The questions will alternate between Republican and Democratic senators.

Do MU Students Really Have Privacy In The Dorms?

By Kimberly Sapone

Living in the dorms at any college can be challenging. Learning to live with a bunch of people that you don't know in very close quarters is a lot of work. Recently life in the Mansfield University dorms have been worse than most. It seems that RA's are out to get some of their residents.

I understand that RA's have a responsibility to their residents and to maintain control over those who live in the residence halls. I do not, however see how this gives some of them right to purposely be out to get people that live on certain floors just because of prior problems.

Now, I am not saying that every RA is like this. In fact, most of them are really, really great at what they do, and they make live quite enjoyable in their resident's homes away

from home. However, there are some that let the power of being in charge go to their heads.

I know that on the floor I live on, we can be on the loud side. We are young, though and we like to have fun. Sometimes this means a yell down the hall or a laugh that is a little bit louder than it should be. So what? This doesn't necessarily mean that we are going to be out of hand all the time.

Some RA's have been rumored to be listening for any peep of noise so that they can write people up. Why? They were once just lowly residents like some of us are. Don't they remember what it was like to get home and see the friends that you really missed all day long and you couldn't wait to talk to?

So, maybe that's not the case all the time. Still, I don't see why we should have to live like prisoners in our dorm rooms. I understand that at night many people are trying

to do homework, or are trying to sleep, and therefore they reserve the right to silence, but if they aren't complaining to those that are being "noisy" then the RA's shouldn't have to either. Morgue hours are bad enough. The rest of the year shouldn't be that way. It's just not fair.

Many of us have come to MU to get away from home - this includes the constant watching of the parental units. Having RA's constantly telling us that it is time to be quiet gets to be not only annoying, but also it can, in some cases, make us just get rowdier.

For the RA's that are doing this, I just hope that you come to realize it, and loosen up a little. For the rest of the RA's, thanks for being great. You make our stay here so much more enjoyable.

Because hey, students living in the dorms aren't kindergartners anymore. We shouldn't have a specified nap

time. What, do they expect us to do, gather up our mats after snack and sack out?

Sure, being quiet after a certain time makes sense. We all study and most of us do sleep, sometimes. But hey, it's ridiculous to expect anybody to remain absolutely silent.

We shouldn't all be sent to solitary confinement after such and such a time.

Maybe I am overreacting. Maybe.

But, if somebody is going to try and enforce absolute silence on grown persons: that sucks.

It's a natural reaction to be a little bit outraged by a peer wandering the halls with their ear to my door. My dorm room is my personal space, my territory. Don't come in and tell me what to do if you have to wait outside my door to listen to see if I am doing something bad.

And if I want to have

my door open it should be my own prerogative. Those dorm rooms tend to turn into stuffy little cubicles, squelching interaction and smashing away at the way I think things should be.

Remember that song by the 70's rock group... what was it? Thirty Days in the Hole.

When you are at class all day, hitting the library or expending all your energy hanging out in Lower Manser, when you get back to your room, all you want to do is chill out, play some tunes or socialize with those people on your floor you actually talk too.

It is natural for a college student to feel this way. Just leave me alone. You know, if I'm not bugging anybody, don't stand outside my door, knock, and tell me to be quiet.

It rubs people the wrong way. Actually, it seems absurd to even be arguing this point. Just lighten up.

Chopping Down The Pine Mail...Timber!

By Karen Holgate

Upon returning to school last week, Bob University decided to drop by the library and check his e-mail. A normal routine for Bob. But when he logged on to Telnet Presenter, he was told his access to Pine was denied. Great! Poor Bob completely forgot they were getting rid of Pine Mail. Now all of his saved mail, e-mail addresses and newsgroups are gone. It seems Bob's not the only one. Many students on campus have the very same problem. They simply forgot things were being changed. Now they're being told they have to make up a disk so they can use Eudora.

Well, kids don't be so quick to jump on the Eudora bandwagon, there are alternatives. As the saying goes, there are many free e-mail services in the sea. So, back to Bob. Risking life and limb, Bob went out exploring the net to find safe havens for e-mail lovers everywhere. He did incur a few bytes from shark infested waters, however. Beware of the companies that try to steam roll you into buying a service before you can get your "free" account. And look out for the sites bogged down with useless advertisements that take hours to load.

First thing you have to do is ask yourself 'what kind of account do I want?' There are several different types, and you

want to find the one that best fits your needs.

Web-based e-mail is the most common type of free e-mail offered on the web today. All e-mail is managed via the web with this account. These accounts are the most desirable because there are always special features and cool links connected to them.

POP Mail is the kind of e-mail that is managed through an e-mail client such as Eudora. With this you access mail from an account onto a disk. The plus here is that you have everything saved so the server can't erase your addresses or mail you wanted to save. The down side is if you lose that disk, everything you had is gone and you have to start all over again. Another problem tends to be with the campus computers. Due to the abundance of use, the computers are virus magnets, and again you run the risk of losing vital information.

Another type of account is the Email Forwarding. These services forward your mail to an existing e-mail account. So, with this you must have at least two other accounts. These are more for people who want to shuffle mail from one place to another.

Finally there are the POP Mail Checkers. These will check your existing pop e-mail accounts via the web. This is great for when you're away from home, and you wish to check your messages.

Of all the e-mail ser-



vices out there, the ones that are most popular and useful to college students are Hotmail, Yahoo Mail, and Net@ddress. Each has features that allow you to check the e-mail address the campus gave you. This saves you the trouble of changing your address.

Hotmail is probably the most well-known web based e-mail service. As their television ads say, they're reliable and easy to use. You also receive access to several Microsoft Network based sites that are helpful to a beginner. There is a draw back, it takes a very long time to load pages because of the number of users. There is also a 2000k size limit to reach

your account. If you go over that size, you won't be able to read your mail. If you're interested in Hotmail, you can find it at www.hotmail.com.

Yahoo Mail is well-designed web e-mail service. Yahoo has colorful designs, big buttons that tell you exactly what to do, and an extremely useful help page. An added perk, when you sign-up you automatically gain access to tons of special features. Some of the most useful are Yahoo! Chat, My Yahoo!, Yahoo! Classifieds, and Yahoo! Pager. To check out Yahoo Mail go to www.yahoo.com.

Net@ddress has mail forwarding, and it gives you the

ability to check your account from mail clients like Outlook or Eudora. It tends to be slow but is worth checking out. Using it with another account, however, might get you confused about where you have what mail.

Now these are only the cream of the crop. There are many other services out there. Each has varying styles and features. Spend a little time with them decide what suits you best. To find them just do a simple search and begin your quest.

What about Bob? Well, one would hope you don't make the mistake he did and sign up for 30 accounts and forget the password to all of them.

Editorial Page

New editor in chief gives his first hellos

By Joe Wagner
editor in chief

Well, here it is. My first commentary as acting Editor in Chief. In no way am I going to try to replace Darren Meehan's editorials. I'm pretty sure I couldn't. Way I figure it, they were just about the best part of the *Flashlight* for the past year or so.

One of the things I am going to do in this space is defend the current staff of the *Flashlight* from the not so subtle bashing we received in the November 20 edition, the last edition some former editors are ever going to produce. Maybe I shouldn't even do that as I am just rising to the bear baiting.

Oh well. That's fine. I've kept my nose out of just about every editorial decision made at the *Flashlight* over the past three and one-half years. I've concentrated on the sports

department and haven't piddled around with a lot of the petty differences the newspaper deals with both on campus and within its own ranks.

When I say petty differences, I don't mean the supposedly hard-edged investigative reporting the *Flashlight* has allegedly done in the past. What I mean is the constant bitching within the office about so and so and why they did ABC. Much of this griping has led directly to shoddy journalism and arrogance.

I'm not saying that the *Flashlight* hasn't carried its weight in the past. Like Darren said in his last commentary, the newspaper has done a lot of good. We have published material that contributed to lowered prices in the Mountie Den, made MAC more accessible, and provided an accessible voice for some Mansfield University students.

But we have had our faults. More than one of the banners the *Flashlight* has

touted in the past are those that the many students on campus really don't agree with. The *Flashlight* has also been especially combative when it come to some campus organizations. I'm not saying that the newspaper should have turned into some namby pamby little brochure for the forensics team, the basket weaving club or other.

But when the *Flashlight* bashes itself, that in my estimation is going too far. Just because some editors are graduating does not mean that the newspaper is going to die out. Personally, I think that some former members were pretty full of themselves and carried a damn big chip on their shoulders.

When I started writing this commentary, I told myself I wouldn't get personal. But what the hell, I've been here long enough to earn the right to speak out on what I think. Here goes. Insulting current and future members of the *Flashlight* was unprofessional. The paper

is not going to devolve into a public relations forum because four people have left. It just doesn't make any sense. Maybe it does make sense to them.

Maybe some of those people figured they were the best thing that ever happened to the *Flashlight*. And now that they are gone, maybe they think they'll take the heart and soul with the *Flashlight* with them. You ask me, I think a good eviscerating

would do wonders. Maybe some new blood would revitalize the *Flashlight*.

When somebody wrote last semester that "the

controversial issues were going to be avoided" and that we were going to become "a public relations outlet for everyone out there," he was wrong. I have just two words for that person: SPELL CHECK.

FLASHLIGHT

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Letters To The Editor

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means that you can write to us about relevant issues and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print what the editorial board deems to be personal attacks. Such accounts may be considered self-interested and potentially libelous. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization, it must carry the writers' signatures. (Signed letters tell us the writer is willing to take responsibility for the letter's content.)

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9 p.m.
Call the SGA office for more information
x. 4984

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Sarah Davis, Jaime Rugukonis, Candace Cipolla and Teresa Ullett set a new record in their last meet.

Mansfield swimmers set records at Edinboro meet

by Anji Nolan
co-sports editor

Mansfield University Swim Team competed against Edinboro University's Swim Team in eleven different events Saturday January 16th at 2pm, at Decker gym.

In Coach Pokorny's second season of coaching, Mansfield's Women set four new school records. These were in the 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free, 1000 Free, and 500 Free. The Mountaineers won the meet by one point with a total of Mansfield 100 to Edinboro's 99. NCAA governing rules state that swimmers can only compete in four events, three individual and one relay.

Results of Mansfield v. Edinboro were Mansfield 100 Edinboro 99.

200 Medley Relay 1st C. Cipolla, J. Ragukonis, S. Davis, T. Ullett 1:57.75. 1000 Free 1st S. Davis 11:36.36 200 Free 1st J. Ragukonis 2:03.36; 50 Free 1st T. Ullett 27.18.

The meet started off with Mansfield taking first in the 200 Medley Relay swam by Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania's Candace Cipolla, Dallas, Pennsylvania's Jamie Ragukonis, Herald, California's Sarah Davis and

Lee Summit, Missouri's Teresea Ulett to a school record of 1:57.75. The fabulous four then took first place in the next eight individual events. The next race was the 1000 Freestyle. This race is for those who have lots of endurance and admirably they swim for 40 laps. For the first half of the race, it seemed to be very close with Edinboro's K. Sherba slightly in the lead in lane three, with Mansfield's Sarah Davis closing in on her. Davis took a strong lead on the 27th lap and worked the rest of the way as Sherba fell further and further behind, giving up the fight. Sarah Davis's persistence paid off with the school record in the 1000 meters Freestyle of 11:36.36. Jamie Ragukonis stepped up to the blocks in lane four to swim to a win in the 200 meter Freestyle and set the school record in 2:03.60. Teresea Ulett then stepped up and swam to another school record in the 50m freestyle in a time of 27.18. The last school record was set that evening by Ulett in the 500 freestyle with a first place and new school record of 5:38.77. Mansfield placed first in nine of the eleven races, setting 4 school records three in a row. Mansfield had led the meet all throughout with a score of 94 versus Edinboro's

69 points, until the last two events. Edinboro caught up as Mansfield got a third in breast-work and a third in the free style relay, but not enough to beat the Swimming Mountaineers.

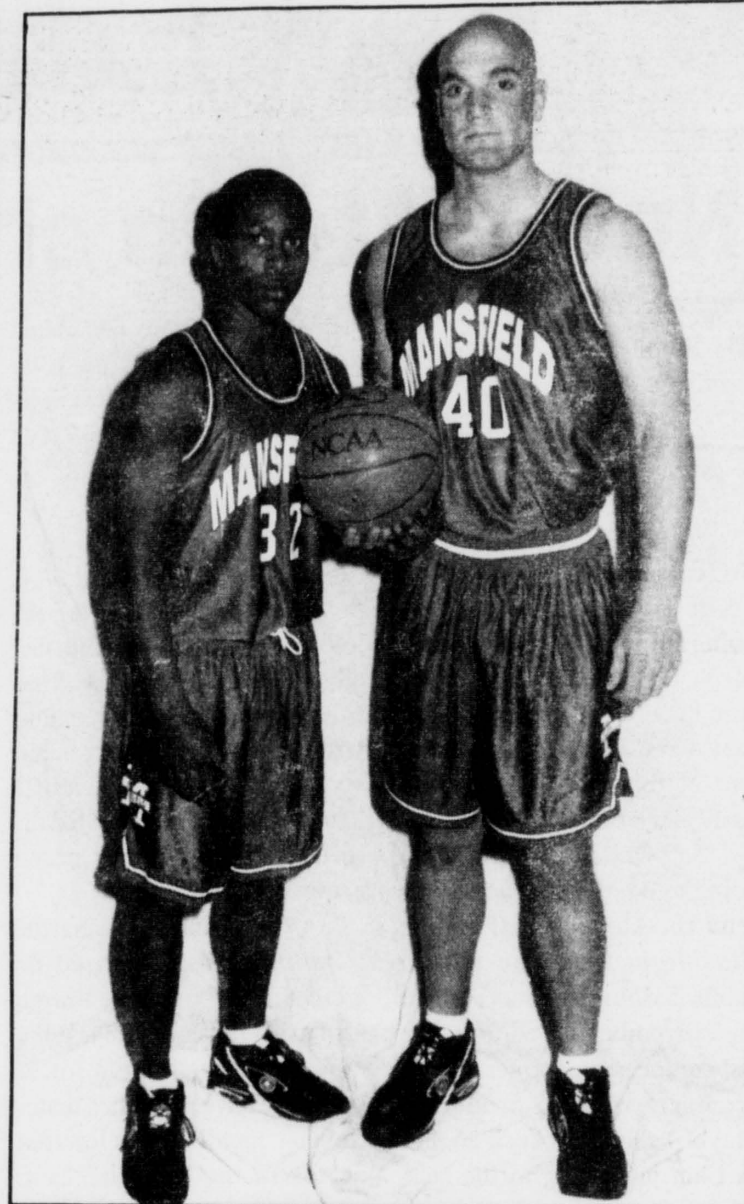
Mansfield swimmers competed well and added to school records. Coach Pokorny did a great job working with the 11 women. Mansfield didn't have as many people competing as Edinboro and was often out-numbered two-to-one. Mansfield's swim team is improving in the 200 Breast and 200 Free Relay.

People to watch :

Candace Cipolla 200m relay record holder, multiple records at MU

Sarah Davis 200m relay & 1000m freestyle record holder
Teresa Ulett 200m relay record & 500m freestyle record holder
Jamie Ragukonis 200m relay record & 200m freestyle record holder

Anne DeGuzman - most likely to improve personal performance. Has heart. Every last point counts, as with today's race. Those fifth place points are very valuable.



Tommy Harvey and Steve Shannon each reached 1,000 career points within a week of each other.

Two mountie men reach 1000 points

Two members of the Mansfield University men's basketball team recently became the 19th and 20th players to surpass the 1,000-point milestone and did it within four days of each other over the break.

Junior guard Tommy Harvey broke the 1,000-point barrier on January 2 at Wheeling Jesuit. Harvey has now passed Bob Weinstein (1968-71) for 13th place on the all-time scoring list with 1,138, and is second in the PSAC and 24th in the nation in scoring with a 21.8 points per game average. Harvey also tops the PSAC in steals (3.26 spg) and ranks fourth in assists (4.31 apg).

Senior Steve Shannon surpassed the 1,000-point mark on January 6 at East Stroudsburg University. He was also named both the PSAC and ECAC South Player of the Week for his outstanding per-

formance in leading Mansfield to a 2-0 mark during the week ending last week. Shannon averaged 27.0 points and 13.5 rebounds per game in leading the Mountaineers to wins over Edinboro and Cheyney and connected on 16-23 (69.9%) from the field, 22-27 (81.5%) from the free throw line, dished out eight assists with three steals and two blocks. Shannon has moved into second place on the all-time career list for rebounds and recorded his 13th double-double performance of the season in last Wednesday's game with Bloomsburg University. He also became the fifth player in Mansfield's 99 year history to score more than 1,000 points and pull down 700 or more rebounds. He now has 1,090 and 721 rebounds.

Harvey and Shannon are ranked 1 and 2, respectively, in the PSAC.

MU Sports Schedule Remaning for January 1999

Sat 20 Men's Basketball at BLOOMSBURG U. 8:00 PM

Tues 23 Swimming at WELLS COLLEGE 1:00 PM

Wrestling at Kutztown University

1:00 PM

Women's Basketball at MILLERSVILLE U.

1:00 PM

Men's Basketball at MILLERSVILLE U.

3:00 PM

Indoor Track at Roberts Wesleyan College

Sat 27 Men's Basket Ball at Kutztown University 8:00 PM

Women's Basketball at Kutztown University 6:00 PM

Mon 29 Wrestling PSAC Championship at Slippery Rock TBA

Tues 30

Wrestling PSAC Championship at Slippery Rock TBA

Women's Basket Ball WEST CHESTER U.

1:00 PM

Men's Basketball at WEST CHESTER U. 3:00 PM

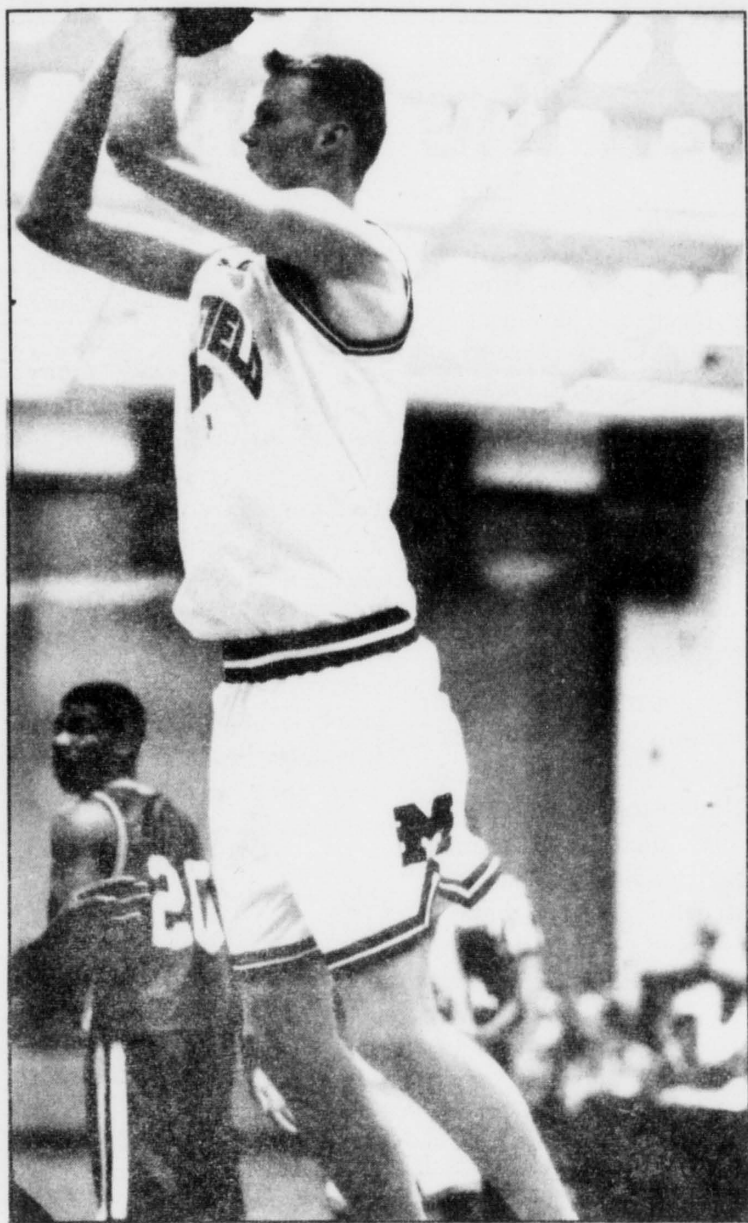
Wed 31 Indoor Track at Dickinson College

Arcadia Theater

Movie listings for the week of
January 22-28.

Stepmom (PG 13)
You've Got Mail (PG 13)
Virus (R)
Patch Adams (PG 13)

Tuesday \$3.00



Owen Murphy goes up for a rebound against Bloomsburg.

Mountaineer men fall to Bloomsburg

special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Mountaineers men's basketball couldn't score a field goal over a six-minute span in the second half, falling to Bloomsburg University 62-58 in a key PSAC game at Decker Gymnasium last Wednesday.

Mansfield was leading Bloomsburg by eight with just over 15 minutes remaining but couldn't hold off an offensive surge from the Huskies.

The Mountaineers took a three-point lead on a Damar Lopez lay-up with 8:49 left to play, but would not be able to score another point until a lay-up by Jim Davies a little over six minutes later. During that span, the Huskies rattled off 14 unanswered points.

Mansfield men qualify for ECAC meet

Mansfield University's first indoor track meet was over a month ago on December 5th at Bucknell University.

The Mansfield Men were led in points by qualifying this year for the ECAC's Lamar Crawford in the Long jump, breaking his own school record to a 22' 6, breaking the school record in the triple jump of 45' 5 1/2, tied MU's school

Seth Buchwalter got the ball rolling for the Huskies scoring a lay-up, and Tom Hauer connected on a 3-pointer.

Senior Steve Shannon recorded his 13th double-double performance of the season with his 12 points and 14 rebounds. The 14 rebounds enabled Shannon to move into second place on the all-time rebounding charts in Mansfield history. He now has 721 career boards.

Sayre High graduate Jim Davies led the Mountaineers with his game-high 16 points.

The Mountaineers will host the Marauders of Millersville University this Saturday as part of Mansfield's Winter Athletic Alumni Weekend. Tip-off time is scheduled for 3pm.

record with the 1976 55 meter hurdles record holder Berry Jordan of 8.04 and placed 4th in the high jump in 6'6, just shy of his 6'7 MU school record. Eric Franitti pole-vaulted a 12'6 to become an ECAC qualifier and David Coyle broke his own school record in the 55m dash to become an ECAC qualifier.

Their next meet will take place this weekend at Roberts-Wesley.

MU women fall to Cheyney

Rachel Matulewicz
co-sports editor

The Mansfield University Women's Basketball team fell to Bloomsburg University 70-42 in PSAC action last Wednesday. Senior forward Lauren Martin topped the Mounties with 13 points, followed by Heather Nichols with seven. Bloomsburg's Karen Butcher netted 19 points and pulled down eight boards. Michelle Ruzicka and Meghan LaBuda both contributed with 11 points each.

The expected matchup between Mansfield's Jennifer Nichols, who was the Twin Tiers Player of the Year last year out of Athens High School, and Bloomsburg's senior guard Christy Berry, who was a former Troy High School standout and also a Twin Tiers Player of the Year, ironically didn't turn out as expected. Berry pulled herself out of the starting lineup to rest a sore ankle, and Nichols saw little playing time in the first half and didn't play the second half due to illness.

Senior forward and co-captain Tracy Moser is just seven rebounds shy of becoming the fifth player in Mansfield history to pull down 500 rebounds and is 13 rebounds short of the 500-point mark in her career.



Lauren Martin drives the lane to score against Cheyney.

Senior co-captain Martin was named to this week's ECAC South Honor Roll with a team high 15 points in Mansfield's 63-57 win over Cheyney last Saturday.

The Mounties now drop to 3-14 overall and 1-3 in the PSAC East. They will end their streak of home games this Saturday when they host Millersville. Tip-off is set for 1pm in Decker Gymnasium.

Six Mansfield University women set relay records

At their last track meet, two relay teams for the Mountaineers set a pair of new records for Mansfield, earning them spots as Flashlight athletes of the Week.



Brianne Liddick (DMR)



Freshman
Christina Williams (4X4)



Kim Carman (4X4)



Kelly Maines (DMR & 4X4)



Colleen Ryder (DMR & 4X4)



Freshman
Nichole Beckel (DMR)

M.U. Women set School Record at Bucknell Dec. 5th in the (4X4) and the Distance Medley Relay

ALL PSAC
Four by Four
4:27.21

Distance Medley Relay
13:29.46

Campus at a Glance

New MU professor has seen the world

By Lisa Robinson
features editor

The classroom is a mix of sounds, the murmurs of quiet conversations, the turning of pages, the checking of schedules. It is the first day of classes at Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA. Suddenly the door to the classroom opens and there is a flurry of movement as the instructor walks briskly to the front of the room, a black leather bag on one shoulder.

In a smooth rush of gestures the man tosses the bag on top of the desk, takes off his black leather jacket, and walks back down the aisle, past the wide eyed students, and out of the room. Three minutes later he returns, snaps open a Diet Coke, drinks from it, then sets it on the podium in front of him. He then briskly introduces himself to his Western Civilization class. "Hello, my name is Kenneth Orosz, I am the instructor for this course."

Mansfield University

Professor of History and Political Science, Ken Orosz speaks with an accent no one can seem to put a finger on, until he explains to them: "I was born in the United States but I moved to Belgium when I was ten, then on to England from there, to attend high school."

Orosz's father was a member of the United States Foreign Service and when he traveled his family moved with him. As a result, traveling is in Ken Orosz's blood and it has helped in his career as a history professor, but most currently in his studies, as he works on finishing his dissertation for his doctorate.

The dissertation title alone would send merely mortal heads spinning. Out of the many places Orosz has traveled to most recently and frequently he has visited France and Germany in order to gather research for his work, *Language, Race and Nationhood: German and French Language Policy in Colonial Cameroon, 1885-1939*.

Orosz says traveling,

like anything, has its advantages and disadvantages. "I love to travel," Orosz said. "But I have never had the experience of knowing a place very well. There are a lot of cities I know very badly. There is no where that I can remember all the street names. There is a price you have to pay but I wouldn't have had it any other way."

After attending schools in Belgium, Orosz was sent to England and educated at the American School of London, where he attended classes with other American students living over seas.

Orosz says he always knew he and the other students would return to the States for college. "The expectation was that all of us would go back to the U.S. for college," Orosz said. "Coming back to the U.S. for us was like coming back to a foreign country. We thought of England as our home. I still think of England as home."

Orosz attended Union College in Schenectady, New York where he was enrolled in

a special medical program. Orosz says he soon learned he was required to have dual majors and when he chose to add history as his second major he soon discovered he loved it more than medicine.

"I was going to be a doctor," Orosz said. "But I was required to have a second major. Mine was history. After that I decided to attend graduate school for history."

Orosz attended the State University of Binghamton and received his Masters in European History in June of 1992. In 1997, after years of tutoring, being a teaching assistant and a instructor of History at Binghamton, Orosz was hired by Mansfield University.

"This is the kind of place I wanted to teach at," Orosz said of Mansfield. "I like the idea of having small classes. It is so easy for kids to get lost in big classes. I like being in a small department too. Its easier to get to know your colleagues. I am experienced in a very wide range of fields and that was

what Mansfield was looking for; we just happened to luck into one another."

Orosz says many people are turned off by history because they have always been forced to memorize dates. Orosz says memorizing dates is not part of his teaching philosophy.

"Most people hate history because they were forced to learn dates," Orosz said. "But history is not just about dates. It is about how things change over time and why they change."

One might imagine there is enough on Orosz's mind, with trying to finish a dissertation and teaching, but he says in his free time he enjoys running, (35 to 40 miles a day), fencing (something he picked up at the American School of London), and of course traveling.

"Traveling is something I want to continue to do and probably will," Orosz said. "Mostly in the summers to do research."

Patch Adams: Prescription for laughter

by Ross Raniere

It is ironic that the same critics who raved about Robin Williams' doctor in *Good Will Hunting* are now denouncing him in *Patch Adams*, a much better showcase for his talent. While his more docile performance in *Hunting* won him an Oscar, the wider range of his talents on display in *Patch* are even more deserving of an award.

Portraying real life doctor Hunter "Patch" Adams, Will-

iams' character fights the cold authority of his medical school years, circa 1968-73. In this battle of wits and wills, he struggles to bring his unorthodox methods of medicine to those in need. Rather than treat patients like inferior beings, Patch uses laughter to help heal otherwise unbearable ailments. As a result, he creates more personal, human relationships with the patients of the campus hospital. The treatment works,

much to the chagrin of his by-the-book colleagues.

The supporting cast of *Patch Adams* meets the challenge of keeping up with Williams. Steve Odekirk's well-written script serves as a springboard for the cast's solid performances. Monica Potter is especially good as Patch's unlikely love interest. There is much clever dialogue, and Williams' killer delivery makes his words seem almost effortlessly improvised.

Patch is presented as a strong character that the audience has no trouble rooting for. Anyone character that the audience has no trouble rooting for. Anyone who has ever wanted to stick it to his or her boss or teacher can vicariously attain those devilish fantasies through Adams' radical antics. Williams personifies going against-the-grain in the form of Patch.

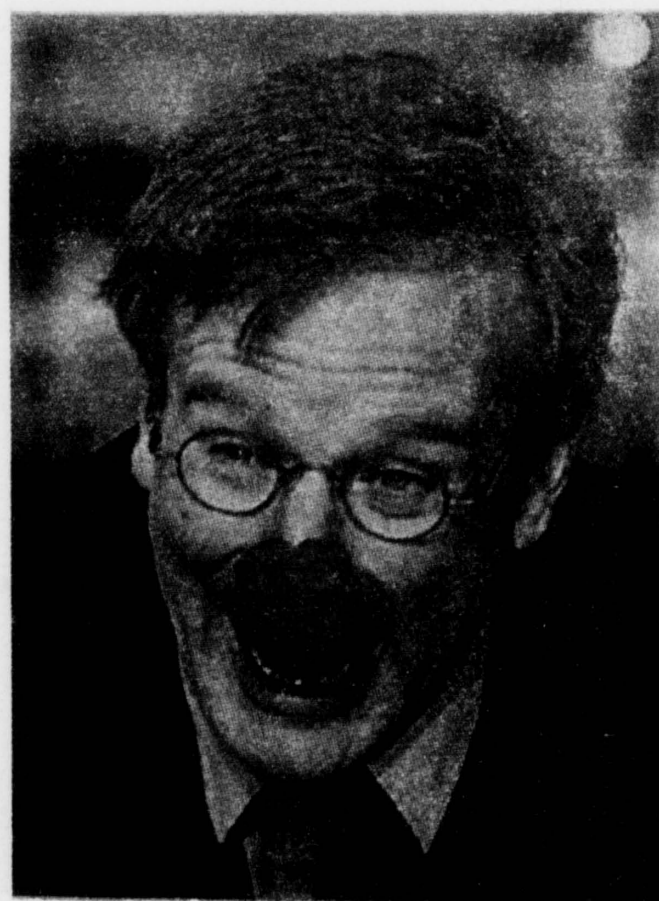
The comedy of *Patch Adams* is both in good and bad taste, but all of it is hilarious. In my theater, much of the dialogue was drowned out by the audience's uproarious laughter. What a positive response to such a nega-

tively reviewed film.

Another virtue of *Patch Adams* is its soundtrack. In lieu of using "Born to be Wild" for the umpteenth time, the filmmakers chose more obscure songs to capture the mood of the era, as well as the spirit of the film itself. Eric Clapton's "Let it Rain" and The Rascals' "People Got to be Free" were particularly effective.

Patch Adams is a rare example of the "dramedy" genre that expertly mixes both light-hearted humor and genuinely compelling drama. Its drama hearted humor and genuinely compelling drama. Its drama and bawdy buffoonery are much more sincere than the criminally overrated *There's Something About Mary*. That poorly-written, bloated romance movie masquerading as an "outrageous" comedy is blown out of the water by *Patch Adams*, truly A-list entertainment. It rates with other vintage Williams, such as *The Fisher King* and *Dead Poets Society*. If you like Williams, you'll like *Patch Adams*.

Robin Williams is Patch Adams



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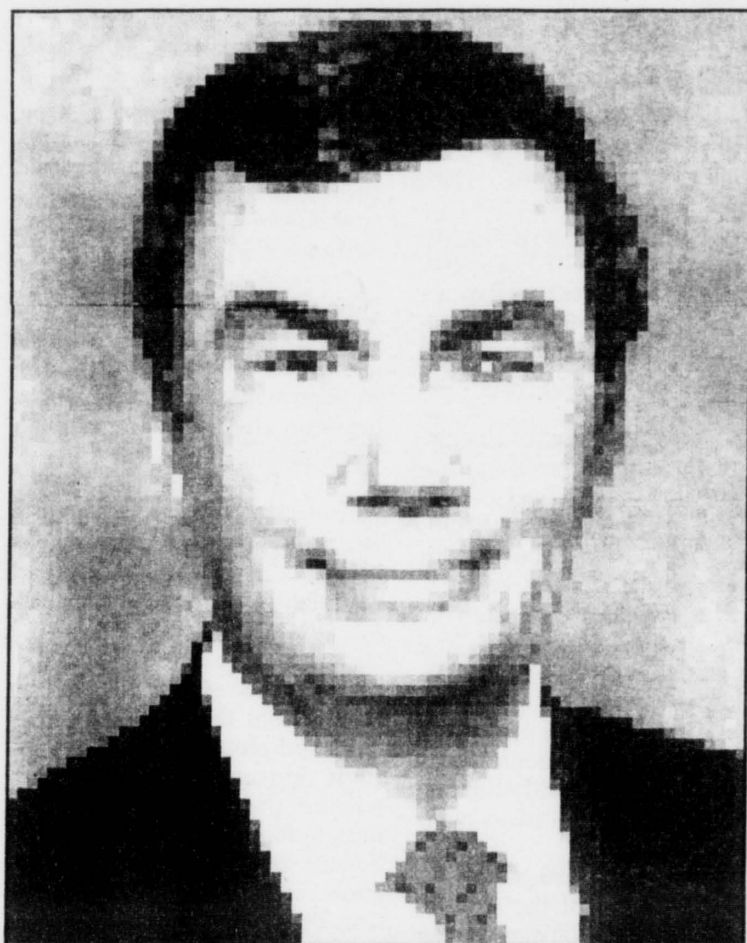
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Sam Donaldson will visit Mansfield University in April to deliver an address entitled "The View from Washington."

National news anchor visits MU

by Joe Wagner
editor in chief

Sam Donaldson, a 30 year ABC News veteran, will be visiting Mansfield University on Tuesday, April 13 to deliver an address to students, faculty and local merchants. His speech is entitled "The View from Washington."

Leslie Fulmer, the Vice President for University Development and the person responsible for bringing Donaldson here, explains that Donaldson is an appropriate guest because of the current Washington crisis.

Donaldson is currently the Chief White House Correspondent for ABC News. He has and is covering the impeachment process of President Clinton.

"Mr. Donaldson was selected to come here because he has a great perspective on the Washington news media," Fulmer said. "In light of everything going on in Washington right now, it would be good to have him speak. He is a very visible individual not only because he covers the White House, but because he co-anchors *Prime Time Live* and *This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts*."

Donaldson will be arriving at the University in the early afternoon and will hold a

press conference/reception from 3:30 PM until 4:00PM in Manser's North Dining Hall.

From 4:00 until 5:00, Donaldson will speak with 40-45 select students in the Reading Room in North Hall Library.

Donaldson will then attend a reception for faculty and other local VIP's.

From 6:15 until 7:30, there will be a dinner in Manser for all who can attend. The undetermined price for the dinner will go to support Mansfield University's scholarship fund.

After the dinner, Donaldson will give his address in Decker Gym. Students will be admitted free with their student identification.

"Leslie did a great job getting Mr. Donaldson here because he is newsworthy right now. He covers Washington and that is the hottest news event of the year," said Scott Miller the Writer and Editor of Mansfield's Public Relations.

Miller explained that Donaldson would be the perfect person to speak at Mansfield after James Earl Jones two years ago and Barbara Bush one year ago.

"James Earl Jones gave his perspective of the entertainment industry, Barbara Bush talked about family and politics and now Donaldson will conclude with how Washington affairs are affecting the nation"

MU art history major dies from accident in home

by Lisa Robinson
features editor

"All people are born and all will die. This is an ordinary part of life."

These were the words of Mansfield University Art History Professor, Dr. Bonnie Lea Kutbay, following the death of Elizabeth J. Newcomb, 25, Elmira, N.Y. this past Sunday. Newcomb was a senior Art History major at Mansfield University and Kutbay's advisee.

According to Kutbay, who gave the eulogy at Newcomb's funeral, the accident happened after Newcomb fell down the stairs in her family home, receiving a head injury which required her to have two brain surgeries and spend a week in the hospital before her death.

Kutbay said students and faculty who knew her all agreed she was a wonderful, bright, young girl with great potential.

"She was very sociable, very sweet, extremely helpful,

"Kutbay said. "She was also very scholarly and one of the best students I have ever had. She was planning to go to Harvard for graduate school." Kutbay met Newcomb a year ago in one of her Modern Art classes but said she really got to know her during her Brogue Art course.

She added that Newcomb was planning to graduate from Mansfield in December 1999 but while she was here she enjoyed having fun. One memory Kutbay said she remembered distinctly was when Newcomb brought her pet French Poodle to one of the art lectures.

"The dog was very well behaved while I lectured," Kutbay relayed. "At the end of the hour however, the dog started to sing. It was the funniest thing and the class just laughed and laughed."

Quoting from the eulogy she gave, Kutbay described the first time she met Newcomb and why she was so special.

"I first met Elizabeth in my

Baroque Class about a year ago," Kutbay said. "It was the coziest class and at the table where Elizabeth sat the atmosphere was intense and intelligent."

Elizabeth was a perfect student. Grace and intelligence radiated from her. There are no words to express the joy she brought to us in the Art History Department."

Kutbay added that at the funeral she read a portion of Homer's *The Iliad*, a favorite of Newcomb's, which she hoped would remind those who attended the young art students' funeral that death is a normal part of life.

According to Kutbay, over 200 people attended Newcomb's funeral many of them in shock over the sudden death of the young girl.

"Her family was just devastated," Kutbay said. "It hurts to have such a mind wasted but she is with God now, there is nothing we can do. We must remember time will heal us from this pain. It will take a while but it will heal us."

Success seminar deals with getting the most from MU

By Liz Visotski
staff reporter

On Tuesday, January 26th at 1:00pm, the Student Success Seminars got started off with "Getting the Most From Your College Experience."

Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Joseph Moore gave the presentation which centered around the formula: value of your college education equals benefits versus cost.

The cost for the typical Mansfield University student over four years is \$100,000 when books, tuition, room and board, and loss of income are taken into consideration.

The benefits of a college education is a boost of between \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year over someone that only has a high school diploma. The initial \$100,000 is earned back in the first three or four years.

Internships, relation-

ships with advisors and faculty, and community service are factors that can increase the benefits of a college education. They can also provide a student with the knowledge to start their career.

Use of free university services such as the Learning Center, tutors, and the library can help improve grades and build important skills before academic trouble begins and, therefore, should be taken advantage of as much as possible.

Other programs such as campus activities, student government, study abroad, and use of the fitness center are other opportunities that students can become involved with to broaden their horizons and improve themselves.

There are a variety of ways to control costs and therefore increase the value of the college experience.

Students should strive to: graduate in four years, take summer courses, avoid withdrawing or repeating a course,

follow correct course sequence (an advisor can help with this) through course planning, buy used textbooks, e-mail instead of letters or phone calls, use weekends on campus to study and exercise instead of costly trips, limit car costs (gas, etc.), and save the money you earn no matter how little that may be.

Dr. Moore compared the involvement of students and the value of their education to a football game.

Students not trying to get the most benefits from their education get the standard number of players, eleven. But the students that are trying to get the most from their education are playing with sixteen players.

The seminars are sponsored by the Residence Life Office and Mr. Joe Miller. For information concerning more lectures call #4938.

Next in the series will be, "North Hall Library: Friend or Foe?" given by Monty McAdoo from library and public service. He will give a brief overview of library services.



photo by Joe Wagner

The official residence at Mansfield University will receive \$275,000 worth of renovations within the next year.

President's residence to be renovated within the year

by Joe Wagner
editor in chief

The official residence, otherwise known as the President's Mansion, at Mansfield University will receive a \$275,000 renovation over the next year.

The renovations will be funded by the State System of Higher Education (SSHE) of which Mansfield University is a part.

The renovations will include an addition of handicap accessible entrances, a new two car garage and heating and air conditioning systems.

"The state system has responsibility for official residences at all of the state schools," said Kenn Marshall of the Public Relations office of SSHE. "The funding of the renovations will come directly out of the system reserve. That reserve of 9.7 million dollars provides for many projects in the SSHE schools including building and renovating official residences and other buildings. The renovations will not have any affect on the day to day operations of the university as all the money is being taken directly from the reserve."

The official residence was built around the turn of the century and much of it is not up to current standards according to the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

"The residence was built around 1915 and is very old and does not have handi-

capped access areas and is not compliant with ADA," Marshall said. "The building needs to be compliant with state and federal guidelines because it is a public building open to students. That is the major part of this project: to make it handicapped accessible."

The kitchen is also being refinished to provide for the necessities of an official residence.

"The last major work done in the kitchen was done in the 1950's. Right now the kitchen is unable to cater to the receptions and activities that the residence was built for," Marshall said. We are also going to "

Outdoor renovations will also take place.

"We are planning on building a two car garage and an outdoors area, a small deck area to hold outdoor functions and receptions outside," Marshall said.

The planning for the renovations will take place within the next six months while the actual renovations will proceed during the next six months.

"Because this is a public project, we have to give out four separate bids: one for General contracting, one for electric, one for heating and ventilation and one for plumbing," Marshall said. "Putting out those bids could possibly hold us up."

The official residence should be completely renovated by January of next year.

Looking for something fun to do?
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Mansfield eliminates August graduation

by Amy C. Farley
staff reporter

Many students have been pondering the decision to eliminate the August commencement exercises since they were planning to finish the last few credits needed for a degree in the summer. Perhaps they are wondering what to do since students were hoping to be in the job market when September came. Relax.

To make the decision to drop August graduation, a committee, comprised of students, faculty, and staff, was asked to investigate the need for three commencement ceremonies, as well as investigate who speaks at the ceremonies and the guidelines for honorary degrees.

Previously, there were three different ceremonies, usually with a Mansfield alumnus delivering the commencement speech.

The investigation led to the removal of the August graduation ceremony, as well as opening up guest speaking for the ceremonies to other people,

not just Mansfield alumni. The guidelines for honorary degrees were not changed.

The reason for eliminating the ceremony was simple: it was just too small. Last August, approximately 150 students participated in the ceremony, as compared to the May graduation, which had between 400 and 500 participants.

While December graduation ceremonies include only about 200 students, the addition of August graduation students will make the numbers between the two ceremonies about equal.

For those students who were hoping to be in the job market by September, transcripts will be released upon completion of degree work in the summer, allowing you to stay ahead.

Provost, Dr. Moore, is hoping that the students who have completed the credits for their degrees by December, whether they are completed in the summer or the fall, will participate in the December graduation ceremony since completion of higher education is a great accomplishment and every student deserves recognition.

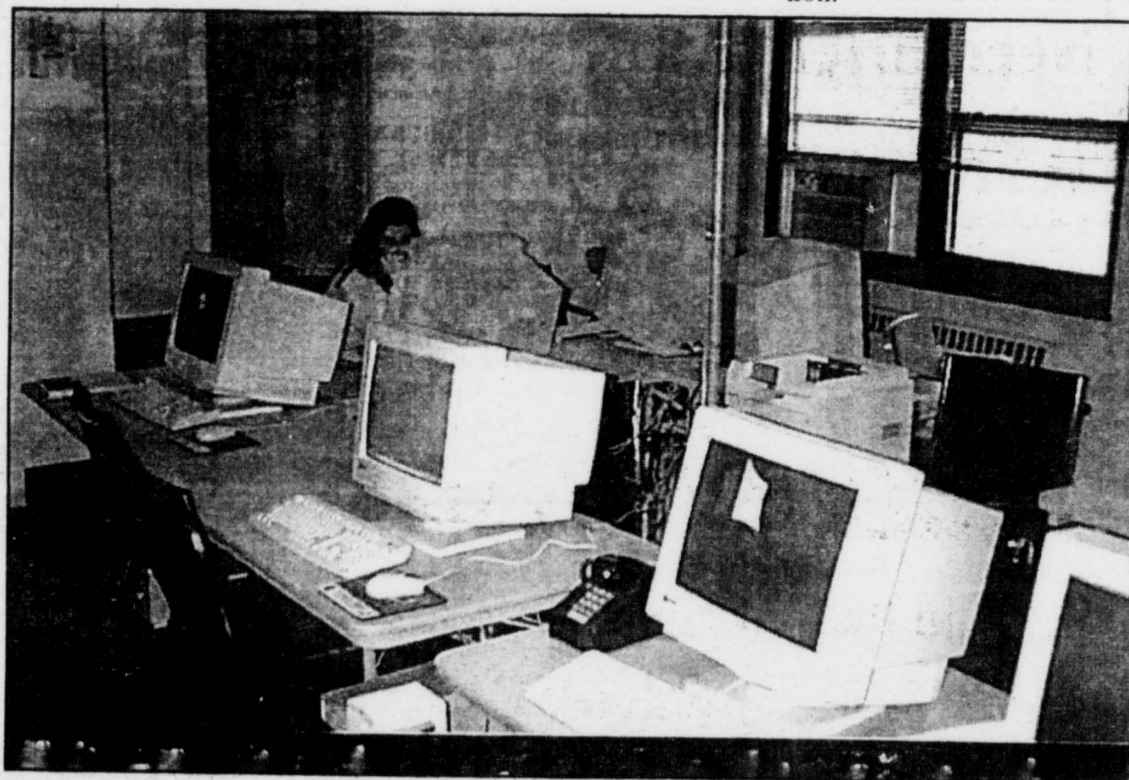


photo by Joe Wagner

The new machines in the learning center lab are equipped with tutorials allowing students to proceed at their own pace.

New learning center opens

by Liz Visotski
staff reporter

For students who made the New Years resolution to improve their writing skills and GPA, the Learning Center is the place to be.

The new Learning Center computer lab has opened in room 211 South Hall. The ten new machines are equipped with various tutorial programs that allow students to proceed at their own pace. There is hope that eventually the lab will have the tutorials and programs that

all of the professors on campus use, as well as being networked into the rest of the Mansfield University system. There are currently twenty tutors on the Learning Center staff and six in the Writing Center.

They willing to help their fellow students; be it in the form of study tips, old notes from the class, or information on how that professor gives tests on the material covered. Information about the tutors and their hours will soon be on the student web at www.mnsfld.edu/depts/lrnresct.

Over 1,000 tutoring sessions were held last semester,

many with students who were not in academic jeopardy. Most of the student who make use of the facilities are already doing well in their classes but wish to do better.

Skills that can be improved by using the labs computers include language arts (grammar, usage, and punctuation), reading comprehension, and study skills (note-taking, test taking, effective reading and writing, time management/organization, motivation, and effective study techniques). The lab is open from 8 am to 8pm Monday through Thursday, and Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Mansfield Happenings

January 29, 1999

Professional woodcarver to show her wares at Mansfield University

Professional woodcarver Nancy Jones of Coudersport will give a presentation of her work on Monday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m. in Mansfield University's Allen Hall G-10.

The talk, which is free and open to the public, is co-sponsored by the university's Center for Arts and Folklife and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, the state affiliate for the National Endowment for the Arts.

Jones has been carving for more than 20 years. She specializes in

highly detailed "in the round" pieces carved from wood native to Potter County: maple, cherry, oak, walnut, poplar, hemlock, basswood and butterwood.

Her signature pieces include carousel horses, Early American dolls and face carvings in found pieces of wood.

Her work has been featured in regional newspapers, magazines and books including MU's "Headwaters and Hardwoods," a text on the traditional arts of Pennsylvania's Northern Tier.

Among her honors was an invitation to serve as a master carver for the New York State Empire Carousel, the first full-sized wooden carousel built since the Depression. She's also been selected by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to serve in their master-apprentice program, teaching the art of woodcarving to Susie Karchner of Wellsboro.

Jones' work is currently on display through Feb. 14 in the exhibit, "From Heart to Hand: Folk Arts of the Northern Tier" at MU's North Gallery.

University gallery hosting "From Heart to Hand: Folk Arts of the Northern Tier"

The University Gallery in North Hall will host "From Heart to Hand: Folk Arts of the Northern Tier" Jan. 11-Feb. 19.

The exhibit will showcase contemporary folk art from eight counties across the Northern Tier. Included will be long rifles and pistols by Charles Gansell of Lycoming County, carved walking sticks by Nelson Haas of Cameron County; Native American bead work by Rose Harley of Bradford

County; carved carousel horses by Nancy Jones of Potter County; hand-made dulcimers and mandolins by George Klinefelter and Chester Wynn of Clinton County; hand-loom weavings by Ruth Anne Miller of Tioga County; and tatting by Carol Tourtellott of Elk County.

Handwork of the Millview Missionary Society Quilters of Sullivan County, active since 1898, will also be featured.

The show is sponsored by the Northern Tier Cultural Alliance at MU's Center for Arts and Folklife. Funding is provided in part by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, MU's Student Government Association and the MU Fine Arts Committee.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. A gallery reception for the artists will be held Sunday, Feb. 14, from 2-4 p.m.

MU music dept presents Faculty Gala Concert

The Mansfield University Department of Music will present its annual Faculty Gala Concert highlighting all music department faculty in solo and ensemble performances Saturday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

MU's music faculty — which includes performers like Nancy Boston on piano, Kenneth Sarch on violin, Michael Galloway on trumpet, Steve McEuen on trombone, Joseph Murphy on saxophone, Adam Brennan on percussion, Susan Laib on oboe, vocalists Youngsuk Kim and Jean-Anne Teal, as well as numerous others — has performed to critical acclaim throughout the world.

Proceeds from the concert benefit the university's music scholarship fund. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. For more information call 570-662-4710.

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At First Sight: a film worth seeing twice

by Jeremy Cheezum
movie reviews

I like Val Kilmer, in fact he is one of my favorite actors. The reason I like him so much is because he is diverse. A good example of this would be in *The Saint* where he had several different accents. He also portrayed Jim Morrison in *The Doors* and Doc Holiday in *Tombstone*. But his best performance comes in the movie *At First Sight*, in which he plays a blind man. The challenge of a sighted person playing this role probably required extraordinary preparation, but Val Kilmer portrays this character so well that you actually believe he's blind.

The reason you should go see this movie is simple: Val Kilmer is amazing, however I will give you some other reasons why you should see this movie.

Kilmer portrays a blind person who works at a health spa, then one day a beautiful woman, played by Academy Award winner Mira Sorvino (*Mighty Aphrodite*), comes into his life, and they fall in love. She not only talks him into

coming to New York City with her but she also convinces him to have a surgery that would give him back his eyesight. I'm not giving away too much when I say that he gets his eyesight back because that's when his great acting comes in. Since he never saw anything before he is amazed by every little thing, things ranging from shadows to graffiti. Not only do we have this plot, but we have other sub-plots as well which make the movie great. Val meets his estranged father, Mira has to deal with her ex-husband (Steven Weber of *Wings*) and of course Val and Mira have to keep their relationship going. All of these sub-plots intertwine together perfectly, so perfectly in fact that you won't get confused with everything and anything that is going on.

Other notables that are in the movie are Nathan Lane (*The Birdcage*) and Kelly McGillis (*Top Gun*). The acting in this movie is great, not just Val but Mira, and Nathan Lane. The only problem with this movie is that they did not give Nathan Lane big enough of a part. No movie is perfect! This is, however, a perfect date movie. I even



At First Sight starring Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino.

think guys will like this movie not just because Mira Sorvino is hot, which is a good reason, but because there is some hockey involved.

Anyway, if you want to see a

good movie that is over two hours long with good acting, go see *At First Sight* at your first possible chance.

Grade: B+

Help! I'm a Newsgroupie: Adventures with Bob

by Karen Holgate
staff weirdo

Once again Bob University has been trying to navigate cyberspace. His newest dilemma: What is a newsgroup? And how do I use it?

Well, this one's not so hard. Newsgroups are the natural resources of the web. They are virtual wells of infor-

mation just waiting to be tapped. A newsgroup is, in general, a discussion group. You may be thinking, isn't that what a chat group is? Yes, but that happens in real time. Or to put it another way, chat groups are like talking on the phone and newsgroups are like mailing a letter or postcard.

How the newsgroup works is like this: Bob "posts" a message — a letter, an essay, a question — to the

newsgroup. That message gets distributed all over the world. It'll be sent to thousands of different "news servers" — basically holding tanks for posts — and kept there for days, weeks, or months depending on how the news server is set up.

Then John Doe and Susie Q can post replies to Bob's message if they want — or just read it, along with other persons' replies.

The largest of these groups have members all around the world and they number in the tens of thousands.

Now how can these groups help you? They get you in touch with people who have similar interests as you who can help with specific details.

For instance, Bob is a huge Spice Girls fan (everybody has their faults) and he wants to find out Baby Spice's birthday so he can send her a present. All he has to do is access alt.fan.spicegirls and

post the question. In a day or so he'll have his answer.

There are several ways you can find these groups on the internet. The easiest is through lists of groups. The most user friendly lists can be found at: DejaNews www.dejanews.com or Liszt Usenet Newsgroups Directory www.liszt.com/news/ or Internet Newsgroup Directory www.internetdatabase.com/usenet.htm.

On these lists you can search for particular groups or browse through all that is offered. There is no limit to access. And you can find virtually everything has a newsgroup.

Warning: If your e-mail address is typed in wrong you won't be able to receive replies on your account. You can still view them on the net, but it's not quite the same.

Film and Lecture Series: Fast Cheap and Out of Control

by Fawnya York
staff writer

The Mansfield University's Film and Lecture series started off the semester Thursday night at 7:00 pm in Allen Hall. Filmmaker Errol Morris, a gifted cinematographer, has a long history of exceptional documentary works.

His three most famous films are *Gates of Heaven* a documentary on *Pet Cemetery*, *Thin Blue Line* a documentary on falsely convicted prisoner, and finally *A Brief History of Time*.

The film shown last night *Fast, Cheap and Out of Control* has won seven awards for best documentary at different film festivals. As an interviewer Morris tries to make the camera and the interviewer one, not separate entities.

He has accomplished this goal and the end result is people looking directly into the camera as they speak to him. Throughout the film Morris intertwines his interviews with found footage. The footage in this particular film included a wide variety of stock and quality. The film included interviews

with four people who had no connection to one another. The interviewees include a lion tamer, a robot scientist, a gardener who shapes shrubbery into animals and a mole-rat specialist, they all tell their separate stories through a series of clips that flash back and forth.

The faculty member running the Film and Lecture series this semester is English professor Dr. John Ulrich. The schedule for the rest of the semester is as follows:

FILMS

February 4- *When We Were Kings*

February 18- *Beloved*

March 18- *Mrs. Dalloway*

April 1- *Men With Guns*

April 8- *Smoke Signals*

-All films are held Thursday nights at 7 pm in Allen Hall, they are followed by a discussion period.

LECTURES

March 24- Ann Mabe, "Burial Mounds and Firepits: Results of the Mansfield-Volgograd Archaeological Research Exchange."

April 31- Mark Polonia, "Off Hollywood: a Diary of Low-Budget Film Making."

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Flashlight Opinions

Editorial and Commentary

Editorial

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO RICHIE CUNNINGHAM?

Zanzibar. It has become a topic of much debate lately on our campus. Some people don't understand what it's exact purpose is, and figure that we would be just as good without it. Others try running programs at the Hut to keep it alive and it doesn't work. Now, I am only a sophomore, but I have heard that once upon a time, Zanzibar was the place to go on the weekends for dancing and a good time with your friends. The place supposedly used to be jam-packed. I even know of couples that met there. My only question is -what happened?

Nowadays, you go up to the Hut on any given weekend, and there is either no one around, or a desolate few who are doing their best to stay awake until 2 a.m.

We've all heard people on this campus complain about having nothing to do while they are here on the weekends. I give the people that are running Zanzibar credit - at least they are trying to provide some kind of entertainment for Mansfield University students. The Student Activities Office and Mansfield Activities Council bring in programs as often as possible to try to draw crowds back up to the Hut. I see fliers everywhere, so I am pretty sure that other students see them too. So why don't they go?

This is what I have deduced within the last few years. Zanzibar is just not cool enough anymore for the average Mansfield University student. There is no beer, no snuggly little corner to hook up in, and no real good place to take a leak unless you go to the bathroom.

Basically this is what I am trying to say: Zanzibar does not stack up to a good fraternity party. Yeah I know that fraternity parties aren't the nicest places to spend your average Friday night. But in a fraternity house basement, you have all the Dyonisian amenities you need for less than a fiver.

Basically, Zanzibar has gone the way of Richie Cunningham, the Fonz and Arnold's. That is too bad really. The Flashlight is not against a good barrel busting slimefest in somebody's basement. But hey, what ever happened to a sarsaparilla shake, popcorn and a wiener? (All available in Zanzibar).

Virgin strawberry daiquiris for a quarter don't cut the mustard. All the booze you can drink for four bones is more the speed of today's college student. Basically, it seems that a modest majority of Mansfield University students have taken to that old and timeworn axiom: "I have not yet begun to defile myself!"

What we at the Flashlight stand for is this: Go and booze all you want, but how bout some good clean fun. Go see some of the live bands at the Hut and check out some of the other entertainment. Take advantage of the cheap soda, then dance your little sober heart out and hook up when you get home.

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Campus Bulletin Board

Mansfield Activities Council
Meeting will be held Tuesday
February 2, 1999
3:30 p.m.
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Are you a college student who is married, commutes, or is an independant student? If so, we would like your input about campus life. Let us know what you like about Mansfield University, as well as any areas where you think improvement may be needed. Please let us know whether or not we have permission to use your name. You can give us your input by contacting Mary, Vice President of Non-Traditional Student Organization (N.T.S.O.) at the following e-mail address: kraussbm@mnsfld.edu, or call 724-8709 and leave a message.

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Mountaineers sweep Roberts Wesleyan meet

Anji Nolan
Sports Editor

On Saturday, January 23, Mansfield Men and Women competed at Roberts Wesleyan University against Roberts Wesleyan and Oswego. Mansfield men got first and Mansfield Women got second. The scores were Men MU 57, RW55, Oswego 48. Women were RWS 81 MU 38 Oswego 33. Three new school records were set. One by Lamar Crawford in the 50m hurdles 7.24, David Coyle in the 50m 6.15 and for Women Colleen Ryder in the 1500 with a 5:18. Qualifying for the ECAC' at this meet were David Coyle in the 400m Lamar Crawford in the long jump and triple jump, Eric Franitti in the pole vault and Kyle Kinter in both.

On the Men's side. The Flashlight shines on Lamar Crawford in recognition as Track athlete of the week. This is his second year in to get MVP most valuable point scorer at Roberts Wesleyan. By himself he got 21 1/4



MansfieldUniversity Track Star Lamar Crawford is seen here on his way to earn Track Athlete of theWeekat

(points.)

Mens Results. 50m hurdles 1st

Crawford 7.24 2nd Kintner 8.47;

50m 2nd Coyle 6.15, Long jump 1st L.

Crawford 21'6.75 2nd Kinter 21'5.75.;triple jump 1st Crawford 41'11.75; 400mCoyle 52.4; 200m 1st Coyle 23.9; Highjump 1st Crawford 5'8 2nd Kintner 5'8. (Ranking if jump is the same is placed on who got the furthest jump first) Pole Vault 1st Kintner 13'0 and Franitti 13'0. Men's 4X4 Crawford, Franitti, Kintner, Coyle 3:51.6

The Results for Women are weight 3rd Krysiak 23.55; 3000m 2nd Beckel 11:18 and 3rd Liddick 11:35; 50m hurdles 3rd Maines 9.12; shot Krouse 2nd 9.59; 1500m 3rd Ryder 5:18; 400m 3rd Williams 71.3; Pole vault 1st Kim Carman 6'10; 800m 2nd Ryder 2:36; 200 2nd Williams 31.7; 4X4 1st Ryder, Mains, Williams Carman 4:50.9; 4X8 3rd Liddick, Beckel, Clark, Ryder 11:08.6.

The next indoor meet will be held at Dickinson College on Saturday January 30th. The meet starts at 9am. If you would like to attend the drive is about 3- 3 1/2 hours from MU. This meet should be fun for the competitors since it is a relay meet.

Mountaineer wrestlers fall to Kutztown Golden Bears

by Anji Nolan
sports co-editor

On Saturday January 23, Mansfield Wrestlers traveled to Kutztown to compete to a loss Mansfield 21 and Kutztown 33. Here are the results match by match. In heavy weight Jason Coleman won by forfeit. In the 125lb category Louis Scheller lost by a fall. In the 133,141 and 149lb we forfeited. In the 157lb Jason Bainey won by a fall. In the 165lb John Vanderpool lost by a fall. In the 174lb Lenny Reed won by a 12-8 decision. In the 184lb Josh Vanderpool won by a forfeit and in the

194lb George Walters lost by a decision. Giving the final results Mansfield 21 Kutztown 33.

The next competition is the PSAC tournament held at Slippery Rock on Friday January 29th and Saturday January 30. Competing at the PSAC level are two teams, Edinboro and Lock Haven who are ranked in the top 25 in the nation at a Division I level. Only Mansfield and Shippensburg and Kutztown are Division II in wrestling. All the rest are Division I.

Extremely tough competition is coming up this weekend. Some individual competitors are ranked in the top 8; in their respective weight class; in the country; at Division I. Level.

Mansfield swimmers defeat Wells College 96-65

by Anji Nolan
sports co-editor

On Saturday January 23, Mansfield hosted the swim meet in Decker gym against Wells College. Mansfield swept the meet 96 to 65.

In the 200 medley relay 2nd place 2:44.08 swam B.Bardo, N.Mihalic, K.Danielson, and J. Savage. In the 650 Free 1st S.Davis 19:24.32 and 2nd T.Ulett 19:45.38. In the 200 Free 1st J. Ragukonis with a 2:03.73 2nd J. Savage 2:37.14. The 50 Free was won by C. Cipolla with a 26:72. In the 200IM 1st K. Danielson with a 2:46.32. The 100 Fly was won by T. Ulett with a 1:03.91.

The 100 Free was won by K. Danielson with a 1:06.74. The 100 back 1st C. Cipolla 1:02.11 and 3rd B. Barbado 129.8. The 500 Free was won by S. Davis in 6:39.38 and second with J.Savage 6:43.57. A new school record was set in the 100 breast by Jamie Ragukonis of 1:14.18. Second was N. Mihalic with 1:32.86. Mansfield won the last relay the 200 Freestyle consisting of team members S.Davis, T.Ulett, J. Ragukonis and C. Cipolla.

Mansfield swimmers have been doing great this season and get to take this next week off. This meet they worked on their weakness of breast-stroke, setting a new school record and the Free Style relay.

MU women fall to Kutztown

Kutztown used a balanced scoring attack that included four players in double figures, to down Mansfield 85-56 in PSAC East women's basketball Wednesday night.

Mansfield trailed just 22-18 with 5:13 left in the first half, but Kutztown would go on a 16-4 run to take a 38-22 at intermission.

Freshman guard Allyson Buss had a game high 19 points, including 12 in the second half while senior Tracy Moser posted a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Former Ath-

ens High School standout Jennifer Nichols added 14 points.

Brianne Homyak led four Kutztown players in double figures with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

The Mountaineers fall to 3-16 overall and 1-5 in the PSAC East. Kutztown improves to 12-7 and 3-3 in the PSAC East.

Mansfield University will host "Bring a Kid to a Game Day," Sat., Jan. 30 as the Mountaineer men's and women's basketball teams battle West Chester University in Decker Gymnasium.

Kutztown men rally to down Mountaineers 80-60

Kutztown connected on 71% of their shots in the second half to break open a tie game on their way to a 80-60 win over Mansfield in PSAC East men's action Wednesday night.

The game was tied 31-31 at the half and still tied at 39-39 when Tommy Harvey hit a layup with 16:00 left to play, but from that point on Mansfield went stone cold from the field while Kutztown went on a 21-7 run over the next eight minutes to take a commanding 60-46 lead.

Kutztown dominated the boards holding a 39-22 advantage and connected on 26 of 38 free throws to the Mounties 7-13. Mansfield was

called for 25 personal fouls while Kutztown was whistled just 13 times.

Tommy Harvey led the Mountaineers with 14 points while freshman Owen Murphy had a season high 12 and fellow freshman Chris Kreider 10 points. Steve Shannon — the PSAC leading rebounder was ill and held to just four rebounds and seven points.

The Mountaineers finish the first half of the PSAC East season with a 2-4

mark while falling to 8-11 overall. Kutztown improves to 4-2 in the PSAC East and 11-8 overall.

The Mountaineers will host division leading West Chester this Saturday afternoon.

MU holds "Bring a kid Day"

Mansfield University will host "Bring a Kid to a Game Day," Sat., Jan. 30 as the Mountaineer men's and women's basketball teams battle West Chester University in Decker Gymnasium.

Each paying adult can bring a child 13 years old or younger to the doubleheader at no charge. Children 13 or under will be eligible for

shootouts at halftime of both the men's and women's games for special prizes.

The women's game starts at 1 p.m. while the men's contest is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. The games are the final Saturday home games for the Mountaineers this season as they battle West Chester for a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division playoff spot.

The Flashlight Sports Staff is looking for more writers and photographers to cover Mountaineer athletic events. If interested call x-4986.

MU students like it here better than they used to

compiled by Anji Nolan
co-sports editor

A Mansfield University survey conducted in December 1998 yielded a composite of responses describing campus life and student satisfaction with university services.

Survey respondents were selected randomly by computer. Of the 400 students it was mailed to, only 145 replied. Of those that responded,

70.3%(102) were female and 29.7% (43) were male fulltime students. Pennsylvania residents numbered 84.8% and 14.5% were out of state. More than two-thirds were pursuing the B.S. degree. Among the respondents, 7% were freshmen, 1% sophomore, 3% junior, and 2% senior.

Vice President of Student Affairs Joe Maresco thought the survey was very important to show that the school had concern for them as individuals. He was

very proud and said he was "tickled pink" at the response.

Overall, students at Mansfield were satisfied with Mansfield University compared to the National Average.

Across the Nation college students are most satisfied with recreation facilities. Here at Mansfield, We are most satisfied with Recreation and the Library, North Hall..

Most students at Mansfield were dissatisfied with parking. The most

Dissatisfying across the nation was University food.

The *Flashlight* offers a look at the survey outcome in the following overview of questions and answers.

MU Problems and Solutions

I talked with Dr. Moore about the areas that we were below the national average. Here are some solutions according to Moore.

P=problem; S=solution or comment made.

P: Student Activities Fees
S: Committee of Finance's New regulation on any material printed must say that is funded by the Activity Fund.
P: Financial Aid Counseling
S: Has hired Dr. Milliad to be Director of Financial Aide. He processes requests. Chris Vaughn continues as a financial planner and works with in coming students.

P: Classroom and Laboratory Facilities
S: Academic Facilities Enhancement Plan, this has received sources of capital funds from the state system borrowing money and bonds.

P: General Registration Process
S: "We try to give incoming students courses to prepare them. To set them off on the right foot. Before we used to give them canned schedules for the whole year, now only for just the fall. Before we used to have 80 courses available, now we have 100 available. Freshman are the most vulnerable. Seniors stand on their own."

P: Opportunities for student employment
S: There is very little local and for federal money we follow federal rules.
P: Religious Activities and programs
S: The university doesn't support religious activities. Respect faith groups hire them. We don't support them, but we do provide space for them.

P: On-Campus Recruiting
S: We don't control the companies that come to our campus. We take education majors to Bloomsburg, and we take groups to Allentown. It is cost effective. The University wants to enhance better jobs, it is a better asset.

P: Providing information on various Careers

S: 1 on 1 interview's with Mr. Kholer. Look on the internet for careers & implement future purchasing of computer based of any school computers job placement, job banks.

P: Handicapped Accessibility
S: We meet ADA regulations and are constantly modifying additional buildings, student union has an elevator, handicapped accessibilities to all floors. MU's disadvantages it's on a big hill, terrain and weather are the dilemma.

P: Availability of Financial Aid Prior to enrollment.

S: Financial Planner, Recruit, Visitation Day, Summer orientation. Dr. Moore said "How concerned about cost are students whose parents who are writing the check and student loans."

Survey Results

Where do most MU students live?
66.2% live in the residence halls,
17.2% live in their parent's homes &
11.% room/apartment.

The top five things M.U. students like best about M.U.?

They were more than satisfied with:

- Class size to the type of Course
- Instruction in your major field
- Course Content in your major field
- This college in general
- Attitude of the faculty to students

The top five things M.U. students were really dissatisfied with?

Things Really dissatisfied with:

- Purpose for which student activities funds are used.
- Availability of the courses you want at the times you want
- Student Union
- Student Voice in politics
- Residence Hall Rules & Regulations

MU Student's were asked and expressed Satisfaction towards these services and programs.

Subject	MU students	Nat' AVG
Academic Advising		
Satisfied	83.8%	71.2%
Dissatisfied	1.0%	10.8%
Never used	29%	18.2%
Personal Counseling		
Satisfied	78.3%	70.5%
Dissatisfied	17.4%	22.8%
Never used	80%	75.3%
Library Facilities		
Satisfied	89.7%	71.3%
Dissatisfied	3.6%	10.4%
Never used	2.1%	4.5%
Tutorial Services		
Satisfied	78.2%	70.1%
Dissatisfied	4.3%	9.4%
Never used	64.8%	69.4%
Employment service(work study)		
Satisfied	77.8%	70.9%
Dissatisfied	2.8%	10.1%
Never used	73.8%	65.5%
Residence Hall Services		
Satisfied	72.3%	55.6%
Dissatisfied	7.4%	17.9%
Never used	31.0%	46.1
Mass Transit (Mountie Express)		
Satisfied	78.8%	61.5%
Dissatisfied	7.7%	9.9%
Never used	15.2%	15.7%
Recreation		
Satisfied	89.0%	77.9%
Dissatisfied	4.5%	7.3%
Not used	49.7%	52.8%
Financial Aide		
Satisfied	65%	63.5%
Dissatisfied	8.0%	16.8%
Not used	27.6%	29.4%

M.U. students expressed there disfection with:

Job Placement Service

Satisfied	25.0%	55.8%
Dissatisfied	37.7%	16.2%
Never Used	91.0%	77.5%

Health Insurance

Satisfied	35.7%	45.0%
Dissatisfied	21.4%	19.7%
Never Used	82.8%	75.1%

Food Service

Satisfied	31.7%	40.1%
Dissatisfied	33.3%	31.5%
Never used	11.0%	15.7%

Computer Services

Satisfied	64.5	68.6%
Dissatisfied	16.1%	13.4%
Never used	11.0%	9 9.%

Parking

Satisfied	19.5%	61.5%
Dissatisfied	57.6%	27.9%
Never used	15.2%	15.7%

What MU students thought needed the most review:

- Use of Student Fees
- Course Scheduling
- Handicapped Accessibility
- Financial Aid Counseling

When asked if they felt informed about activities on Campus.

- 15 % said yes
- 57% said sometimes
- 28 % said No

When asked what would be the most likely source of information about campus events.

- 7% Posters, Flyers, table tents,banners
- 20% said the Can (Campus Network)
- 13.8% said word of mouth
- 7.6% MU's homepage
- 4% The Flashlight (campus paper)
- 0% WNTG Giant 89.5

Personal Computers are easily accessible at our university through the library and various computer

Respondents of the survey said they were most unlikely to attend a campus event on Friday, Saturday or Sunday Night..

Do you percieve an increase in maraijuna usage in the resident halls?

YES	19.3%
No	33.1%
DNA	30.3%

unaware of marjunia use 26.9%

When asked about the amount of programming available from the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education.

- 2% said yes
- 6.9% said no
- 55.9% didn't know program existed

When asked to what extent do you find students abuse of alcohol having a detrimental affect on you ability to study and the overall environment on your residence floor

- 9.7% were unaware that students used alcohol
- Of the 58% who knew about the alcohol
- 4% Find it a distraction
- .6% didn't find it a distraction.

Comparing this survey although the questions vary slightly from Spring 91, Fall 94, Spring 97, Fall 98 to when it was given in previous results. Here's how we add up. The higher the school the more positive all of the survey was thought to be. WOW! Fall 98, is the year of Mansfield that has the most positive out come!

Fall 1998	149.90
Spring 1997	145.62
Fall 1994	148.76
Spring 1991	145.76

**What do You think?
Is Mansfield the best place
on Earth or just some place
to spend four years of your
life.**

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Mansfield puts up new lights for more safety

Amber Lindquist
staff reporter

Any student who has recently walked the path between The Hut and The Butler building may have noticed the poles that have been erected along the sidewalk. These poles are the first major step towards improving the lighting around campus.

Last Halloween, a female student was allegedly assaulted in the shadows of the

North Hall Library. As a result of this, there was a call for more and better lighting around the campus.

William Yost, Vice President of Administration and Finance, approved a proposal in November to put additional lighting around the campus. The lights that are being added to this path, also referred to as the catwalk, will nearly double the light sources that are currently there.

This past December, prior to Christmas break, a committee including several students, faculty and campus police performed a safety inspection walk.

This walk resulted in a list of seventeen requests to be submitted to the physical plant.

The requests were made with the purpose of making the campus a safer place for all students at any hour. A few examples of the proposals that were made include adding more lights and trimming the brush at several places.

Some suggestions were as simple as changing the wattage of lights that already exist, while others suggest entire light fixtures be set.

Yost also said that there were "no apparent dark areas" and that the problem was more a case of existing fixtures not being bright enough or being blocked by overgrown landscaping such as trees or related growths.

"A work order will need to be submitted in order to start the enhancing of lights around the rest of the campus," Yost said. "Most of these lights will either be placed on buildings or existing fixtures."

For this reason, he does not see why this job will not be able to be accomplished. However, the project will more than likely be postponed until spring when the ground is not frozen and any posts that will need to be set will not require as much work.

In addition, the lights that have been added to the path by the Hut are estimated to be the most expensive part of the project. The posts and the lights combined will cost approximately \$2,100.

Advocacy Conference Coordinator Stephanie DeNicola, stated that while attending the Eight International Safe Schools Conference



photo by Joe Wagner

This wooden pole was set in the ground to mount an extra light along the path from the Hut to the Butler Building.

against Campus Sexual Violence in Orlando, Florida, a representative from Western Michigan University introduced the Blue Light Campaign.

This is a project sponsored by General Electric and it gives an additional sense of security around campus. If someone feels that they are be-

ing followed, the victim can push a button that will send a signal to the Campus Security.

Security will then be able to determine the location of the victim and come to their aid. DeNicola believes this is something that would benefit the university and should be considered for installation.

Recycling program reintroduced at Mansfield by Geology Club

Amy C. Farley
staff reporter

On-campus recycling was a program implemented several years ago, but was taken away after repeated problems with people throwing garbage and spitting into the recycling cans.

Recently, however, the program was reintroduced by the Geology Club, who returned the collection sites to the educational buildings on campus. Last semester, Phi Sigma Pi set up collections within all of the residence halls, but recycling still has yet to be expanded campus-wide, and the two organizations are battling the same types of problems as before.

When students recycle, they save landfill space, as well as save the products that are used to make each aluminum can or glass bottle. In the

recycling process for aluminum cans, the cans are shredded, delacquered, and melted down. From there, they can be sold in liquid form, or they are poured into molds to make products like engine blocks, valve covers, wheels, and beverage containers.

Glass, unlike aluminum, must be inspected for contamination before it is ground into small pieces called cullet. Using magnets and air, small pieces of metal and paper are removed from the cullet.

Once the contaminants are removed, the glass pieces enter a furnace to be mixed with sand, limestone, and soda ash, which are used to make the new glass. Once it is made, it can do many things besides just being mechanically shaped into new containers. They have put shards of glass into asphalt, geotextiles which are used for making sewer

pipes, sandblasting abrasives, and stucco.

Because recycling is important, the Student Government Association would like to expand the program to include all buildings on campus.

"We have to recycle," states Sue Pottichen, corresponding secretary of SGA and Phi Sigma Pi member. "It is part of our responsibility to better the environment."

Plans for extension of the program are only in the beginning stages. SGA is asking for the support of students and staff by urging them to recycle aluminum and glass products on-campus, in addition to keeping foreign objects, like garbage, out of the collection cans.

Proceeds from collections in the educational buildings are used to fund projects sponsored by the Geology Club. Collections in the residence halls are donated to the SPCA.

Governor's budget is no good for education

Harrisburg (AP)- Auditor General Robert P. Casey, Jr. today blasted Gov. Tom Ridge's proposed budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year, saying "once again, big corporations get to feast at the budget table while kids in our schools have to scurry for the crumbs on the floor."

"Not only is the Governor's request for the basic education funding almost \$13 million less than last year's increase," he said, "it is also nearly \$47 million less than the increase ten years ago. In the 1989-90 fiscal year, the basic education appropriation

increased by \$155 million; this year's increase is just \$107 million."

"Parents in Pennsylvania know what their schools need - small class sizes, well-trained teachers, and repair of dilapidated school buildings," Casey said. "The Governor's budget doesn't meet these challenges and his paltry 3 percent increase in basic education shortchanges our children."

"Families want to be assured that their tax dollars are wisely invested in our classrooms for teaching and learning, so that

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photo by Joe Wagner

This pile of garbage bags from South Hall was on the curb near the official residence. There were paper products and tin cans inside the bags.

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our children will learn more no and earn more in the 21st century," Casey said. "But, at the same time the costs of teaching tools have skyrocketed, the Ridge administration's investment in basic education has plummeted.

"This is wrong when the economy is so strong and there are hundreds of millions of dollars in surplus," Casey said.

Other governors have proposed targeting more education dollars to meet the needs of their schoolchildren. In Texas, Governor George W. Bush has proposed programs to end social promotion, and fund new facility construction, summer school and after school programs. And, according to former Governor Pete Wilson, data from California's pilot project provides powerful evidence of the effectiveness of class-size reduction.

"I am hopeful that the General Assembly will invite the children of Pennsylvania back to the budget table and make the kind of investments in education that our families are craving," Casey said.

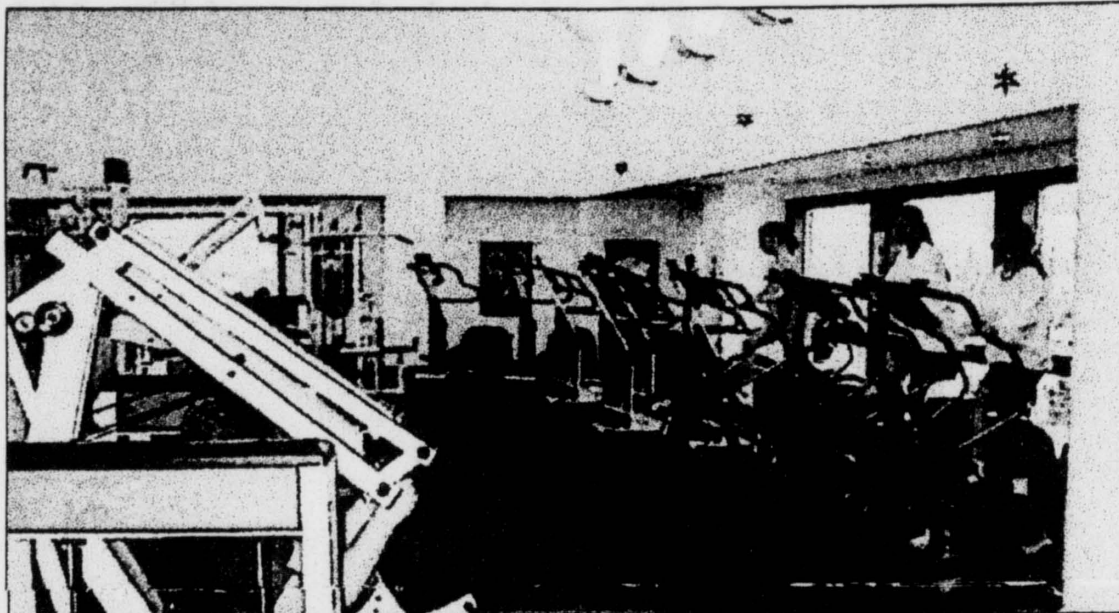


photo by Joe Wagner

More people are working out on more new machines at the Rodney C. Kelchner Center than ever before.

Rod C. Kelchner Rec Center setting attendance records

Carl Madonna
staff reporter

The Rodney C. Kelchner Recreation Center has made great strides in the past semester to increase the numbers of students who go to the Rec Center and to better the facility as a whole.

"So far, this has been a record breaking semester. Last week alone the Kelchner Fitness Center saw 2700 people working out in our facilities," said Hugh Schintzius Mansfield's Recreational Sports Director for the past 27 years. "The average student numbers per week in the past has been

2,022."

Numbers are not just up for use of the center's workout facilities. For the upcoming intramural basketball season, 18 teams will be competing for the championship.

"Typically we see around 12-14 teams for each basketball tournament, I absolutely love having more people. The more people we have, the more fun we have," Schintzius said.

The goal of the intramural programs offered is to provide a variety of individual and team oriented recreational sports activities which satisfy the diverse needs of students, faculty and staff said Schintzius.

The Mansfield Uni-

versity Recreation Department hosts a wide variety of intramural sports for students each semester.

Some sports offered are indoor/outdoor soccer, flag-football, softball, volleyball, free throw shooting, basketball, racquetball, and tennis in the fall.

To be considered eligible for participation in intramural sports, students must possess a valid M.U. ID card, and student activities fee must be paid for the semester.

Also, spouses of M.U. students may participate as well in any recreational sport offered.

Students involved with varsity, junior varsity, or freshman competition on campus may not involve themselves with recreational sports.

For example, if a student played football for the Mountaineers, he would not participate with the flag-football program. If a student played varsity baseball or softball, they could not play intramural softball.

The Rec Center has made a remarkable improvement in the equipment department. Last semester there were only 15 cardiovascular machines, this semester there are now 32 different machines to chose from.

Schintzius mentioned the good location of the Rec Center as a big advantage for our students.

"I see people come in here with shorts and a t-shirt on when it is 20 degrees outside. Also, who wants to walk up cardiac hill," Schintzius said.

The Kelchner Center also offers three basketball courts opposed to the old rec center.

The cost of membership at the Kelchner Center is \$325.00 annually, \$125.00 a semester and \$100.00 a summer for non students.

Intramural sports change up rules

Carl Madonna
staff reporter

To continue and better the intramural sports program that Schintzius started 27 years ago, some minor revisions have been made to the Intramural sports rules.

"Last semester was the first time in 26 years that a referee was physically abused. We will not tolerate this type of behavior," said Schintzius.

The following are the rules which will be strictly enforced by the Recreation Crew: Threatened physical assaults or reckless injury to persons or property, Offensive conduct and language, Failure to produce legitimate identification when requested.

Racial or religious remarks will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with these or any other rules will result in an ejection from the game.

Upon your second violation things get a little more serious. When given a second violation, you will be banned from all recreational Sports for four full weeks of school. You will also not be considered ineligible for post-season play.

Fighting, making verbal threats or pushing staff members or players, will call for a meeting with the Campus Judicial Board for disciplinary action.

"People who cause problems are usually outspoken people. They do not present the accurate side of the story. Not only that, but this is our world to work in, when a student causes a disturbance it makes our job rougher. I only wish I had taken a look at The Pass-word a few semesters ago," Schintzius said. So with the basketball season tipping off February 4, the new rules will be tested and put into effect.

Another feature that will be added to the Recreation arsenal is a user friendly Web Page. The site will be updated every three weeks with new pictures from intramural games, Aerobic classes and much more. To access the site, just click on the Departments icon and then click on the Student Affairs icon.

"I love to see people having fun and working out," Schintzius said. "Working out is a great stress reliever from school work or boyfriend/girlfriend problems. Come see us, the more the merrier."



photo by Joe Wagner

Mansfield University maintenance workers were busy on Thursday fixing a broken steam line. The steam line is between Steadman Theater and the old Rec Center. Bill Koernig, Head of Mansfield University Maintenance, aid that the steam line was killing the grass and shrubs around the leak. The break in the pipe was also wasting the natural gas used to heat the steam.

Zanzibar and the Hut still on the decline

by Joe Wagner
editor in Chief

Participation at Zanzibar at the Hut has dwindled in the past five years so drastically that Zanzibar's budget has been cut by over \$8,000.

"Zanzibar is a night club program that serves non-alcoholic beverages," said Tom Johnston Director of Student Union. "Originally it was set up as an alternative to going out to frat parties and hitting the bars."

Zanzibar was one of the hottest places to be on campus when it was first created by Student Activities Office. Since then, Zanzibar, has nearly died out.

"I remember it was packed up until the end of the spring semester three or four years ago," Johnston said. "Then there was enough of a



photo by Joe Wagner

Zanzibar now stands empty most of the time as SAO does not have sufficient funds to put a program on each week.

change over the Summer that nobody came up to Zanzibar

anymore the next semester."

Zanzibar used to be so packed that safety issues arose because of the overcrowding.

"We used to have clickers at the door so we would know how many people came

in," said Barb Morgan, Student Activities Secretary. "When we used to get 500 people in the building. But, we haven't changed anything that we used to do then."

Why students are not

coming up to participate in Zanzibar now is still up to conjecture.

"It seems that people are not interested in any programs we put on," Morgan said. "Our surveys respond by saying that students want a certain thing. When we put that certain program on people don't show up."

Not only are people not showing up, the budget for Zanzibar is now \$1,900.

"We've had our funding cut so much. If you don't have money you can't have good programs," Morgan said. "We don't have resources to put something on every week. People don't know when we are going to have programs."

Confusion about why people are not showing up to Zanzibar goes all the way up the scale.

"I'd like to give a proficient answer as to why people aren't going to Zanzibar," said Mike LeMasters, Dean of Residence Life. "But I really don't have one."

Committee on Finance renders new budget

by Anji Nolan
co-sports editor

Vice President of Student Affairs, Joe Maresco said that Committee on Finance does not give money where it is not needed.

"Any funded group can not restrict membership. This is a premise for funding organizations," Maresco said.

Some of the organizations have carry over funds, and the funds fluctuate annually. In order for these organizations to get funding they must have put in a request last spring.

Other reasons for not have gotten money include a change in officers, organization forgot to turn forms in, they were never funded, or they have a poorly funded budget request.

Two organizations who did not get their request in on time or met one of the above qualifications were boxing Club who had a reorganization dilemma and NASA (Native American Students Association). The Golf Club went also belly up.

Students can still receive money from the emergency fund. The Student Activities funds pay for things like the coming Chinese Acrobats, Zanzibar and the lecture series.

The highest percent of student activity fees go to Athletics 42.4%. According to Athletic Director Roger Maisner "300 students participate in athletics."

This is the budget COF has allotted for this semester.

Advocacy \$1,110; American Choral Directors \$500; Anthropology \$1,600; Aquaculture \$700; Art History \$700; Art Acquisition/Exhibition Club \$150; Athletics \$195,000; Bacchus \$1,350; Biology \$240; Black Student Union \$3000; Cheerleaders \$1,080; Club Canada \$250; Computer Science Club \$800; Council for Exceptional Children \$500; Criminal Justice \$735; Debate Club \$1,200; El Club de Espanol \$90; Emergency Account \$35,316; Flashlight \$13,500; Geography Club \$1,850; Geology Club \$1,500; History Club \$175; International Student Assoc. \$3,750; International assoc of Jazz Edu \$4,500; Judo Club \$2,700; Karate Club \$105; Mansfield Activities Council \$31,500; Marching Band Uniform Loan \$7,400; Math Club \$0; Music Department Ensembles \$7,400; Music Merchandising Club \$171; N.A. Alliance of Saxophonists \$500; Philosophy Club \$495; Physics Club \$45; Psychology Club \$395; Public Relations Society \$13; Racket Club \$325; Recreational Swimming \$3,500; Recreational Sports \$45,000; Saddle Club \$3,000; Sayre RPH/ Students \$13,000; SGA \$2,500; Ski Club \$6,500; Sports Medicine \$11,700; Student Activities Office \$40,500; Student Dietetic Assoc. \$1,350; TV Club \$110; Travel Club \$230; WNTF Loan \$3,000; WNTF -FM \$9,000; Therefore
TOTAL \$ 460,000

Forensics team wins honors

Liz Visotski
staff reporter

On January 30 and 31 Mansfield University's Forensics team competed in their first tournament of the semester at Binghamton University.

The team brought home 24 trophies from the 1999 Southern Tier Classic Tournament. Scoring well in all categories allowed the team to take second place overall in the competition, bested only by Cornell.

There are no stars on this team. Every person on the team has to be contributing in preliminary rounds for the team trophy to be brought home," said Coach Dr. Sharon Carrish. "Every member of the team works hard for the good of the whole."

Each of the nine members is involved in at least three separate events, and some even compete in as many as six or seven.

Events that the team placed in were: Best Oral Interpretive Performer, After Dinner Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation, Dramatic Duo, Prose Interpretive, Poetry Interpretive, Special Extemporaneous Speaking, and Improvisational Pairs.

"We are certainly indebted to Dr. Joe Moore for his confidence in the forensics team this year," Carrish said "My goal is for Mansfield to have a home tournament, in order for that to happen we would need additional funding."



photo provided

The Forensics team won 24 trophies at the Southern Tier Classic Tournament. Members of the team include (back to front) Keith Hickey, Drew Pinkney, Brian Morral, Darren Devoux, Angie Batch, Leah Phillips, Karie Weller, Karen Holgate and Robin Thomas.

The team plans to travel to Cornell this weekend (February 5,6) to compete against 25 schools from across the nation and then move on to the state competition at St. Joseph's in Philadelphia set for February 19th and 20th. In April they will travel to Eastern Michigan University for the national competition.

Coming together the first time is September 1998, this young team has really come together to perform splendidly. None of the students is over the class rank of Junior and yet they have

managed to perform superbly in their matches to date. Members of the 1998-1999 team include: Brian Morral, Wellsboro; Darren DeVoue, Mansfield; Karen Holgate, Orlando, Fla; Leah Phillips, Tarpon Springs, Fla; Kari Weller, Tunkhannock; Robin Thomas, Downingtown; Angi Balch, Leighton; Keith Hickox, Scranton; Drew Pinkey, Mansfield.

The team will be having a recruitment meeting in April for the 1999-2000 school year. It is open to any major and any year student.

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by Holly "Howie" Blyler

Anti-Abortion activist to display women entering clinics on the Internet

A man who runs an anti-abortion Web site said Thursday he plans to publicly identify women who obtain abortions by displaying live video of them entering clinics in the United States, Britain and Japan.

"We'll film people going in and out of the clinics. We'll film the faces of people who are entering and the faces of mothers driving their daughters to clinics to have abortions," Neal Horsley, who runs the Internet site, told reporters.

But a spokesman for Planned Parenthood expressed skepticism about the plan and said any attempt to videotape women at clinics would meet with legal action.

"I'll believe it when I see it. If that happens, not only would Planned Parenthood, but anyone else who believes in protecting women's patient-doctor confidentiality rights, would seek immediate recourse in the courts," the spokesman said.

Horsley, 54, of Carrollton, Georgia, about 60 miles (96 km) west of Atlanta, said in a telephone interview

that abortion opponents, whom he called "sidewalk counselors," planned to film patients as they enter seven clinics — five in the United States and one each in Japan and England. Horsley would not identify the clinics.

"Our goal is to have a camera in every time zone, so someone can log on to a live location at any time of the day and see what's going on," he said.

Horsley said he expected the video portion of the Web site to be operating within 10 days.

Horsley designed the site, called "The Nuremberg Files: Visualize Abortionists on Trial," three years ago.

He said his Web site was not the same as "The Nuremberg Files" site that was the subject of a federal court case earlier this week.

Tuesday, a federal jury in Portland, Oregon ordered anti-abortion activists to pay \$107 million in damages for publishing the names and photographs of abortion doctors on "The Nuremberg Files" Web site.

No verdict in gun case against manufacturers

The federal jury weighing evidence in a closely-watched case against gun manufacturers ended its first day of deliberations Thursday without reaching a verdict.

The 11 jurors in the 5-year old case, in which crime victims are seeking to hold handgun manufacturers responsible for gun violence, indicated the verdict would not come quickly.

The two men and nine women jurors proposed a schedule for another two days of deliberations, through next Monday, in Brooklyn federal court. U.S. District Judge Jack Weinstein accepted the schedule.

The jury asked for one read back Thursday of testimony by an agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms concerning gun shows. The agent had testified that handguns are fairly easy to obtain il-

legally at such shows.

The families of seven shooting victims are asking the jury to hold more than 20 gun makers responsible for an oversupply of firearms that makes it easier for criminals to obtain guns.

The case is the first to come to trial using the so-called "negligent marketing" charge.

"The actions of the industry is what has put guns into the hands of shooters who tragically shot the victims in this case," plaintiffs' attorney Elisa Barnes said in closing arguments Wednesday.

During four weeks of testimony the plaintiffs had presented witnesses to support the theory that manufacturers send too many firearms to southern states with weak handgun laws.

Because of this, they allege, the excess guns end up in the hands of

illegal traffickers who resell them in northeastern states that have stricter laws.

The plaintiffs asserted that 45 percent of guns recovered from New York crimes come from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Defense lawyers countered that the plaintiffs were trying to blame the industry for crimes committed by individuals.

Defendants in the suits include the No. 1 U.S. handgun maker, Smith & Wesson Corp., based in Springfield, Mass., a unit of British conglomerate Tomkins Plc, and Sturm, Ruger & Co. of Southport, Conn., the second-largest U.S. handgun maker.

The trial has unfolded as municipalities have begun suing the gun industry, with four suits already filed and many more expected. The outcome of the Brooklyn case is important be-

cause it could influence whether local governments choose to use a similar "negligent marketing" theory.

So far only Chicago and Cook County in Illinois have made a similar claim.

Other suits filed by New Orleans, Miami-Dade County in Florida and Bridgeport, Conn., have alleged that gun manufacturers have failed to make guns with adequate safety features.

The 17-year-old son of the lead plaintiff in the Brooklyn case was killed in an accidental 1993 shooting. Njuji Ray was killed by a young friend who bought a handgun out of the trunk of a car.

As lawyers, manufacturers and families nervously awaited the jury's verdict, Njuji's mother, Freddie Hamilton, told reporters, "We feel we've been victorious in just getting the case to trial."

1998 Manufacturing orders down

U.S. manufacturers ended 1998 with a surge in orders, but the rest of the year was among the most lackluster of the 1990s, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

Factory orders jumped 2.3 percent in December — their biggest gain since November 1997 — to a seasonally adjusted \$343.5 billion after a meager 0.4 gain in November, the department said. The increase, which reflected strength in all major industrial sectors except primary metals, farsurpassed the 0.9 percent gain expected by Wall Street economists in a *Flashlight* survey.

But for all 1998, orders for manufactured goods rose 2.1 percent to \$4.03 trillion after a 5.4 percent rise in 1997. Last year's increase was the smallest since recession year 1991, when orders actually declined 2.3 percent, the department said.

The December increase, which follows other signs of renewed strength in

manufacturing, sparked a sell-off in the bond market as traders became more concerned about the upward pressure on interest rates that an overheated economy could cause.

Bond traders worry that if the economy continues to surge ahead and if now-dormant inflation starts to flare up, the Federal Reserve might look at raising interest rates later this year.

The Fed cut short-term rates three times in rapid succession late last year, which helped ignite a stock market rally after a summer slump, but held rates steady Wednesday. The economy, which has been growing steadily since the spring of 1991, surged at a 5.6 percent annual rate in the final three months of 1998.

Orders for durable goods, items such as cars and refrigerators meant to last at least three years, surged 3.1 percent in December after a 0.4

percent rise in the prior month. Demand for nondurable goods rose 1.2 percent after a 0.4 percent gain in November.

Orders for transportation equipment rose 1.8 percent in December, while industrial machinery orders surged 7.4 percent and electrical equipment orders rose 3.6 percent. Primary metal orders fell 1.3 percent in December.

Demand for non-defense capital goods, a measure of how much businesses are investing in new equipment, rose 3.6 percent in December after a 1.1 percent rise in November. For all of 1998, orders for non-defense capital goods jumped 7.4 percent.

Total shipments of manufactured goods rose 0.9 percent in December after a 0.4 percent gain in November, while unfilled orders, viewed as a harbinger of future demand, declined 0.2 percent after a 1 percent drop in November.

Remember:

If you are going to drink and drive be prepared to go to jail and spend thousands of dollars if the police catch you. Better yet, if you hit a person while drunk and driving you might go to jail for 20 years or more. Do the right thing and WALK.

Editorial Page

To Rush or Not: The Greek myth dispelled

Rush week is upon us. Along with this week comes the typical stereotypes of Greek life. Many of us have seen the movie *Animal House* or other movies like it which portray fraternities and their members as beer swilling, womanizing, panty-raiding, overweight partiers that think of nothing other than where their next beer will come from.

We grew up thinking this was what Greek life was all about. To some of us, this was what we wanted. Others may have been completely appalled by this display of inhumanly behavior. This may unconsciously aid in our decision to rush or not.

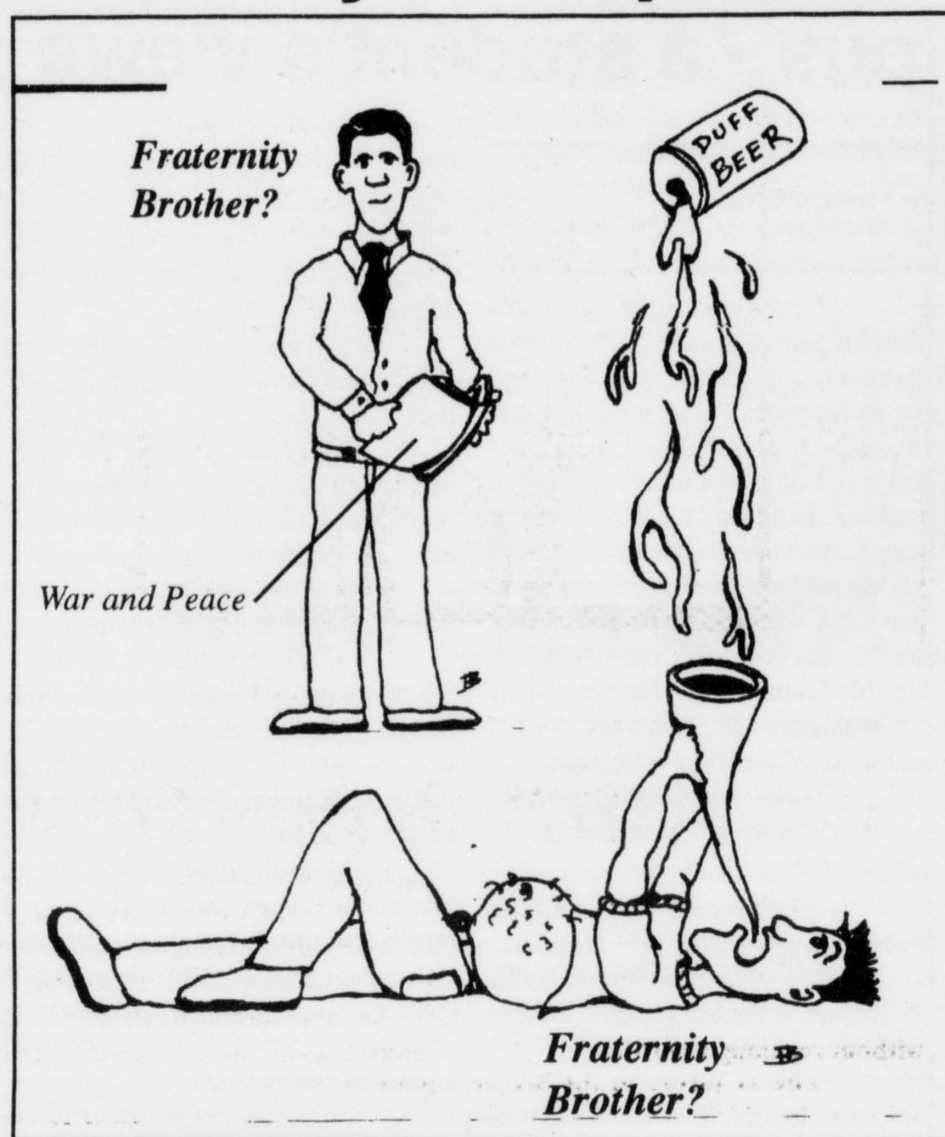
Let's start to dispel some of the myths of Greek life now. Neither of us are Greek, however, we feel that it is important for the students of MU to have the real facts before deciding whether or not to rush.

Fact number one: to remain in a fraternity or sorority, every member must maintain a certain grade point average. This means that each member has to go to classes, at least some of the time. As a matter of fact, some of our Greeks are required to go to all of their classes during pledging.

Secondly, although fraternities are known for parties, that is not all they do. Did you know that all social Greeks participate in social service projects throughout the year for the entire community. Breast cancer awareness, blood drives, adopt-a-highway, clean-ups of the Grand Canyon and Hills Creek Park, and even helping the Leukemia Society of America and Special Olympics are all included on the list of ways the Greek system at MU helps the community.

Greek life in general has gotten a bad reputation in general because of movies like the aforementioned. However, if you take the time out to get to know some of the brothers or sisters of our various fraternities and sororities, maybe you'll find that Greek life is for you after all.

Oh, and one more thing - to our knowledge, panty-raids DO NOT occur on our campus, so no need to worry about that. However, we could be wrong.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Flashlight,

I am writing this letter regarding the article in the January 22nd edition "Do MU Students Really Have Privacy In The Dorms?" This is my fourth semester being an RA and our main mission is not to "get people that live on certain floors just because of prior problems". We are in our position to help anyone who needs assistance in any area. As part of our job we have to keep the noise under control. At the end of every semester when we do floor evaluations one of the main concerns is the noise. People always say the dorms are too loud. Believe me, I don't think it is fun to walk into a room of friends and ask

them to be quiet. I know they are just talking, laughing, and having fun, but for the person who lives next door, who is trying to study or sleep this is a nuisance. We all know that the walls are not sound-proof!

Dorm life can be a challenge for both residents and RA's; I think if everyone would be more respectful of their floor mates and keep in mind we are here to get an education, dorm life would be much better. By this I don't mean having the residence halls be a morgue because it is important to be social, but walk down the hall and ask your friend something instead of screaming

down the hall! In part of your article you wrote, "We Are Young, and we like to have fun. Sometimes this means a yell down the hall or a laugh that is a little bit louder than it should be. So what?" The only problem with this is when all forty students who live on that floor choose to act this way mass chaos occurs.

I agree with you when you wrote about RA's listening at the door a problem, that is not necessary. If you feel this is happening please confront your RA. If you don't feel that this was effective, talk to your GA or ADRL.

People in these positions are here to help the students! Each dorm has a hall council that always accepts new members-get involved and change what you don't like. The last point I need to make is you are not "just a lowly resident on a floor," you are and equal and important member in your floor community!

Sincerely,

Jenny Rossman RA in Laurel

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

Commentary

Rudeness on our campus - a student's views

by Fawnya York
office manager

I am a graduating senior this semester here at Mansfield. I have been here for four years and I have watched the students show each other less and less respect. Mansfield is a nice school and it is a nice area to live in, but the students are making it awful. I am not saying everyone is rude, but the ones that are rude are the ones that stand out. If people were nicer to each other maybe they wouldn't complain how horrible Mansfield is. Here is a short list of things each of you can do that will make Mansfield a little nicer.

- 1- Hold the doors for people
 - 2-When someone sneezes, say God Bless You
 - 3-When someone says God Bless You, say thank you
 - 4-If you live in the dorms, remember you are not alone there are hundreds of others that live there too so:
- keep your music down

-help keep the bath-rooms clean
-when your laundry is done pick it up, don't leave it in the machines.

5-If you see someone fall or trip don't stand there and laugh, make sure they aren't hurt

6-Try and remember not everyone is as familiar with campus, the library, the location of different offices etc... as you may be, so help them out.

7-There are ashtrays outside of every building, use them, not the lawns.

8-The staff here at Mansfield are doing you a service, remember that and don't be rude to them.

And finally just remember if you are nice to someone they in turn will be nice- and on and on.

Most importantly you choose to come to Mansfield University for a reason, remember that when you complain about it here. After all you knew this was a rural area when you came here, so don't say there is nothing to do. You knew that before hand.

Computers in the dorms just a waste of time?

by Karen Holgate
staff smurfophile

I'm a pretty reasonable person. Most of the time. So, very little actually gets to me. But, I have had it up to the Butler Bells with the computer problems on this campus.

Did you know that there are computers in the dorms? Of course not! Each dorm has a computer lab. However, these rooms are often back in some far away corner you've never heard of. And if by some miracle you do know where to find them, nine times out of ten they're locked.

Oh, but it doesn't end there. If you can talk an RA into unlocking one of the sacred chambers, you'll find sub standard equipment. The computers are old 286 and 386 models. For all of you who aren't geeks like me, that means they are the dinosaurs of computers. It also means they're slower than my grandmother at the mall in December.

When you finally get on the computer new and more interesting surprises await you. They are the breeding ground for viruses. You thought the library computers were bad? You ain't seen nothing yet. These viruses are nasty business. Catch one and you can say

goodbye to all the info on your disk.

Now suppose you get past all these hurdles and actually write out a paper. Don't expect to print it there. All they have are Dot matrix printers, which go along with the prehistoric theme. But, you have another option, save it to disk and print it out somewhere else. Oh yea, I forgot to tell you your file won't convert. The computer reads it as though it were ancient Mandarin Chinese. Too, bad.

Lets say you just want to check your e-mail. Dream on! These bad boys aren't networked. With all the problems you've had so far, did you really think they would be?

Many people would say there are plenty of other labs on campus. Why not go to them? Well, I'll tell you something at 11:30 at night. When you trying to get through the last pages of a research paper that's due tomorrow. You don't really feel like hiking, in the dark, alone, to the only twenty-four hour lab on campus. Located in the nether regions of Doane. Not when you could easily go down a few flights of stairs to your very own computer lab.

So, what is the campus doing about this? I for one would appreciate a few answers. Because I seriously can not work under these conditions!

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Adventures With Bob: Finding African Swallows

by Karen Holgate
staff reporter

Three weeks into the semester, Bob, has almost figured out how to navigate the Internet. He has his mail and is enjoying newsgroups. Whoa, there Bob watch out for that speed bump. Professor Smith just assigned a massive research paper on the mating habits of the African Swallow. Can you believe it the campus library doesn't have a single book on the subject. It looks like Bob might have to breakout the chapstick before going to his next class.

Luckily, Bob mentions the evil professor to his buddy Monty McAdoo in the library. Monty, being the helpful guy that he is, told Bob he could do an internet search for the information he was hurting for.

After a half-hour of searching for a computer, Bob hunkered down and began his mission. Problem! Which search engine should he use. There were so many.

If you click on the icon (button) that says Netsearch, a page will pop up that contains several search engines. They all work the same way. Type in the word or phrase you are looking for. The engine will scan the net and bring you a list of all the sites relating to your

topic.

Easy, right? Not quite. Some engines are more accurate than others. Your best bet would be to go with Yahoo!. It may not be as extensive as the others but it has a very special feature.

Yahoo! allows you to link to other search engines from it's site. After your results are posted on Yahoo! you can click on one of the other groups at the bottom of the screen and see if they give you different results.

So, here Bob goes. He types in African swallow. Yahoo! comes up with 754 web sites. (Who knew there was so much!) Now Bob needs to narrow his search. He checks the box that says search these results only. If he hadn't done that

he would end up searching the entire web again with a different topic. He then types in 'mating habits.' Yahoo! gives him 132 sites to search through.

All Bob has to do is wade through the sites and find the information he needs to write an A+ paper. He can't wait to get started.

Once he has the stuff he needs he'll have to consult his handy-dandy style book to find out how to cite the source.

There are a few different ways to do this so he'll need to talk to Professor Smith about which way he prefers it to be done. Wouldn't want Bob to get kicked out of school for plagiarism.

Mohammed Ali Still King At MU Film Series

by Ross Ranier
staff movie reviewer

Film and Lecture Series: When We Were Kings by Ross Ranier

The second film in Mansfield University's Film and Lecture Series, the documentary *When We Were Kings*, was

presented Thursday night in Allen Hall. *Kings* chronicles the events leading up to the 1974 fight between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman in Zaire, Africa, now known as the "Rumble in the Jungle."

Director Leon Gast originally set out to document the music festival surrounding the Ali fight. However, after Foreman was injured sparring, the fight was

postponed for six weeks. As a result, Gast kept his camera rolling and obtained nearly two-hundred hours of raw footage of the festival and the fight. Twenty-three years later, Gast was financially able to edit and complete the film.

Gast used music from the festival as the soundtrack to the film, which includes performances by James Brown and B.B. King.

There are also interviews with Spike Lee and George Plimpton, who was in Zaire covering the fight.

Although the story of Ali vs. Foreman is at the core of *Kings*, there are other elements that make up the film's subtext. Ali embraces the African people and becomes a hero within the culture. The audience is exposed to

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The Faculty

April 10 & 11 @ 9pm
Allen Lecture Hall

Saving Private Ryan

May 1 & 2 @ 9pm
Allen Lecture Hall

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No Money? No worries: Europe Under A Dollar

Travel Expert Tells Students how to Travel on a Low Budget

by Lisa Robinson
features editor

Have you ever wanted to travel the world, see the sights, but when you reach in your pockets all you find is—your pockets?

Fret no more, college students across the world, Gil White, author of *Europe on 84 cents a Day*, says your preconceived idea about needing a lot of money to travel is wrong.

White presented "Traveling Abroad with A Limited Budget" on Wednesday night in Allen Hall and gave students his suggestions on how to travel the world without a lot of money and have fun doing it.

White, a citizen of Canada, is considered North America's number one authority on low budget traveling. He said he once traveled to 30 countries in four months for a little under \$1,000. He spent \$100 on food, \$100 on souvenirs, and \$3 for accommodation.

During the presentation, White emphasized finding free lodging, free transportation and free food by getting to know people in the country you plan to visit. That doesn't mean you already know them.

White suggested all one has to do is step off the plane, or however you get across the ocean, and put out a friendly hand, or flag, and ask them for a ride. He said many times people will not only give a foreign traveler a ride across the country or the border, but they also might give the traveler a tour of their home city.

White said holding a flag from your nation while you stand on the roadside, might help; then again it might not.

"I have many Americans ask me if they should use their flag or not," White joked. "The best thing to do is to take an American and Canadian flag and see which one works best."

White said in order to do the best traveling and get the best rides the

traveler has to be ready to interact with the people of the country.

"You must have a sincere interest in meeting people," White said. "Statues and scenery can't talk back, people can. If your going to travel or stay with the people, though, you have to do something in return such as chores or give gifts."

Gifts White suggests carrying along include sweatshirts, stamp collections, or cassette tapes. White said once after meeting a Russian hockey team during his travels he traded one of the players his track uniform for a goalie stick.

From then on in his travels he said he stood on the road holding a big Canadian flag, a back-pack and a goalie stick. Following his trade he was even allowed to sit on the bench and watch a game with the team.

White said people should never be afraid to ask drivers for rides as long as you carry yourself with confidence and are well groomed. He added when most drivers see a traveler they do not immediately think of committing murder or robbery.

As long as the person is clean cut and carrying a backpack, they know that person is there to find out more about their country. White said many times even officials in the country will go out of their way to help travelers.

"In Ireland I had a police officer stop cars just to make sure someone would give me a ride," White said. "When your looking for a ride just remember to be well groomed, to look interesting, and to make eye contact to establish a sense of trust."

For safety reasons White suggests travelers keep money and cameras and other important items, inside their clothes. He also suggests travelers stop traveling at night not only for safety reasons. "If your traveling on a train you have probably just missed the best countryside of the country," White said.

White said there are a few essentials, besides VISA's and International

are four librarians as well as a host of computer and reference staff members out there to assist you.

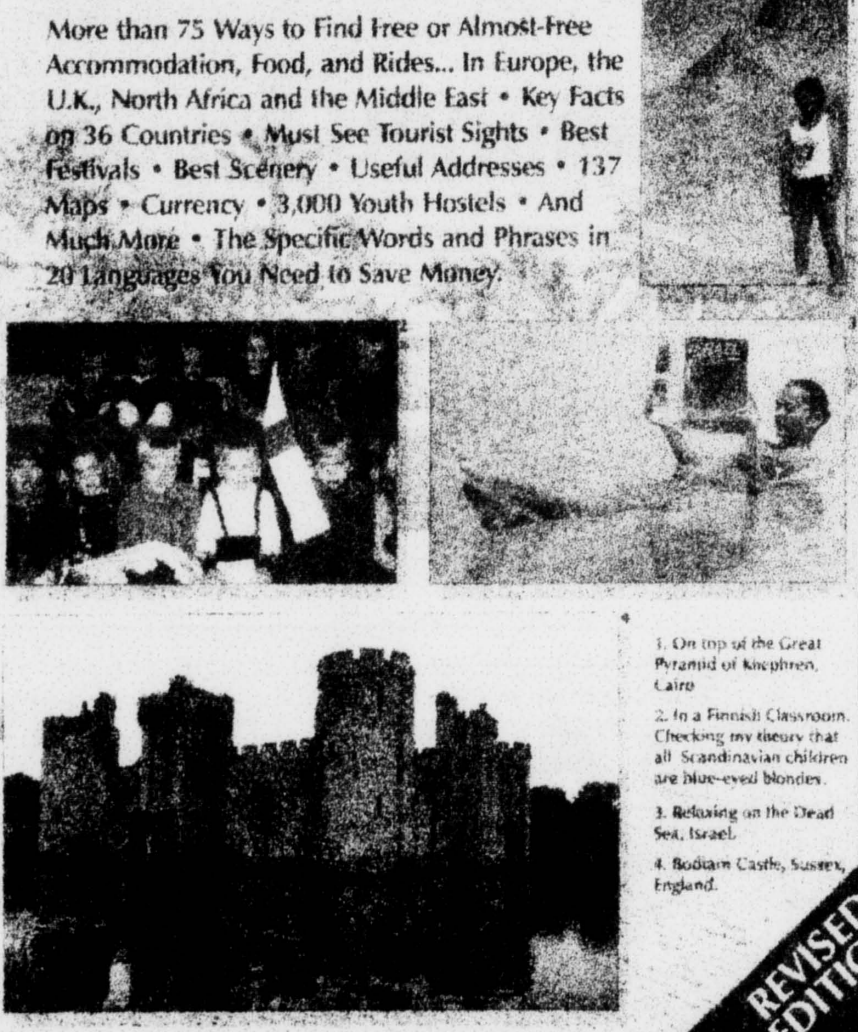
Although it is frequently relied on, the Internet is not always the best place to start a search for research information. Go to the Information Desk if you are not sure there are over 9,000 reference materials to choose from along with citation stations that allow access to Search Bank as well as other databases and over 1,100 journal and periodical articles. If this do not help, there are also forms at the desk to request Interlibrary loans.

The Media Desk on the first floor of North Hall offers videos, cd-roms, keys to the listening and viewing rooms, and 50 laptops for use anywhere in the library. The Media Desk has other

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4. Bodiam Castle, Sussex, England.

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Gil White sold copies of his book about traveling in Europe on Wednesday at his lecture.

Student I.D.'s, that a traveler should carry with them: a journal to write down memories, a camera and a tape recorder. White says when first starting out in traveling, plan to find accommodations not only in the homes of people you meet along the way but youth hostels who al-

low travelers to stay at a minimum cost, depending on the country.

"Traveling is a great education," White said. "I believe there are three main areas of education, school, work, and travel. Traveling is a great growing up experience."

Success Seminar: North Hall won't kill you

by Liz Visotski
staff reporter

Contrary to popular beliefs, North Hall Library really won't hurt you. Actually, proper use of the facilities can even help to improve your grades.

Monty McAdoo, from Library and Public Information Services, delivered the lecture "North Hall Library: Friend or Foe" on February second as part of the Student Success Seminar series.

Most students are not familiar with computers or how to best use their time in research, but yet they still do not turn to someone for help. McAdoo says, "You don't need to know everything about computers. Ask for help!" There

forms of non-print resources to help as well such as pictures, graphs, and models.

The Circulation Desk offers more than just a place to check out books. It is also where material that is on hold for a particular class/professor can be found, where assistance can be found, and where keys to the study rooms located throughout the building can be checked out.

"Let your pictures guide your research, not the reverse," says McAdoo. "Ask a librarian for assistance developing your topic and getting the research." Librarians have often been brief by the professors about various assignments and can help students to acquire the needed information. Student assistants are also approachable. Ask them where

to locate a needed item. They also may be able to offer insight on how a certain professor wants a project done.

The phones located on every level next to the elevator are there to help the students. They connect directly to the Information desk so that a person can ask a question without wasting the time to run to the desk personally. If there is no answer at the desk the pamphlets located near the elevator are there to provide answers to commonly asked questions and problems.

Workshops are offered at various times throughout the semester and can be signed up for at the Information Desk. They cover a variety of subjects ranging from Word Perfect to Eudora e-mail.

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Karen Krouse, 20lb weight throw record holder. "Track is a release from the stress of class work, breaking the [school] record is a bonus."

Mountaineer Indoor track sets a pair of new records

Anji Nolan
Co-Sports Editor

January 30, 1999 was an exciting time for Mansfield University's Indoor track team at the Du Charmé Relays at Dickinson College. Five schools records were set, 2 individual and 3 relay. Three meet records were set. And five ECAC events qualified, as well as 2 qualifications already for the PSACs (outdoor track). This was a relay meet where the athletes scores were added in pairs. Out of 13 schools Mansfield was on the 2nd on the Men's side with 58 points. Mens Scores: 1st Dickinson 101; 2nd Mansfield 58 and on the Women's side out of 14 schools, Mansfield placed 6th with 24 points. Women's scores : 1st Mary Washington 94; 2nd Dickinson 86;

Mansfield School Records

Men's 4X 200 relay 1:36.7
(Coyle, Crawford, Kintner, Fedorowicz)
Women's 4 X200 relay 2:01
(Mains, Williams, Ryder, Carman)
Women's Sprint Medley Relay
(Carman, Williams, Ryder, Beckel)
4:54.3
5,000m Brianne Liddick 20:16
20 lb weight throw Karen Krouse 22'4"

Meet Records (their distances and times are combined) high jump 3.75m Crawford and Kintner; long jump 42'7 1/2 Crawford and Kintner; pole vault 26' Franitti and Kintner;

Other Results, Women placing fifth in their event, Long jump duo Mains 14' and Carman 12'; Clark 5000 20:57; 4X800 Ryder, Williams, Beckel and Carman 10:54.6; Krysiak 27 '2 (with Krouse); And Men's 2nd placed 4x4 Kintner, Crawford, Fedorowicz and Coyle, 3:43.1

People to watch:

Lamar Crawford

Leads Mansfield University's indoor track team in points. Lamar Crawford jumped to a 6'6 3/4" missed by 2.06 (6'9 1/4) to what would have been a provisional qualifier for the Division II NCAA's. He qualified for the PSAC's and the ECAC's in the high jump, longjump 21' 5 1/4; helped set a new record in the 4X200 with a split of 24.25; helped the 4X4 finish second with a split of 55.87, qualified for the ECAC in 41'11 in the triple jump and qualified for the ECAC's in the 55m hurdles with a 8.0.

Kyle Kintner 21 2 1/4 in the long jump qualifying for the ECAC and PSCAC's. Second in the pole vault ECAC qualifier, helped get the 4X 200 record.

Erik Franetti : ECAC qualifier in pole vault 13'

Karen Krouse : athlete of the week . set MU record the 20lb weight throw of 22'4" . I asked Karen what the 20lb weight . " [It's a metal triangle with a 20lb ball on it and about the size of half a baseball. At meet's we [men and women] have to borrow one from another school since the track budget hasn't allowed us to buy one. Next year Coach Taylor said he was going to buy one for the women (20lb) and one for the men (35lb)."

Look for the six women, Ryder, Williams, Beckel, Mains, Carman and Liddick who recently set to school the 4X4 relay and Distance Medaly relay, and this week set the school record in the 4X200 who now also hold the Sprint Medley Relay Record The sprint Medley Relay starts of with Leg 1 and 2 running 200 meters. Leg 3 runs 400 and the last leg runs 800 meters.

2 Mountie men place at PSAC tourney

by Anji Nolan
Co-Sports Editor

Four Wrestlers filled with heart and covered in sweat wrestled at the PSAC meet. For first time in 20 years we have two place winners in the same year. These two men both placed sixth in their event. These PSAC wrestlers are Jason Baaney and George Walters.

Baaney 157lbs earned sixth place. He won major decision against Dailey of Millersville 11-3; He lost to Celeski of Slippery Rock 8-2; Followed by a win against Primola 9-6; He lost the next match to Olenek of Lock Haven 6-3 and lost to Guenot from Bloomsburg 7-0.

Walters 184lbs earned sixth place, too. He started off with a loss to Eckert of Bloomsburg 17-4; He won over Madonna from East Stroudsburg 11-6; He lost to Topper from Clarion 19-4 and lost to Maher of Edinboro 18-6.

Also competing were Lenny Reed 174lbs, who had a record of 1-2 and Josh Vanderpool 197lb, with a record of 0-2.

Coach Shaw Comments, "Even those these last two [Reed and Vanderpool] didn't place they wrestled aggressively against some very tough opponents. The next 12 days [are] very busy against tough competition —check the schedule— UPJ [University of Pitt- Johnston] #1 in Nation be there."

Wrestling's next meet is on Saturday the 6th at Shippensburg University with West Liberty at 3pm. Tuesday the 9th at Suny-Binghamton at 7pm. Coming up on February 12th at 7pm is the match against Pitt-Johnston, who will also be the host of the NCAA Regional Match, on February 26/27.

MU swimmers take a rest

Anji Nolan
Co-Sports Editor

For the past week Mansfield's Swim Team didn't have to compete and should be well rested. Swimmer Katie Danielson should be in good health, as she swam last month with a fever despite being advised not to swim by athletic trainer Lori Zaporinski.

Tommorow the Mansfield Women Travel to East Stroudsburg University to compete at 2p.m. If there is a such thing as home advantage, Mansfield will have to over come this after three consecutive meets at home.

Look for any of the members of the Medley Relay record team. Ulett, Ragukonis, Davis and Cipolla to try to beat any of their records, whether relay or individual.

MU Sports Schedule

Feb 6th

Swimming at E. Stoudsberg
2pm
Wrestling at Shipp w/ W.
Liberty at 3pm
(i) Track at Suny-Fredonia
Mens B-Ball at Edinboro at
8pm

Feb 9th

Wrestling at Suny-Binghamton
7pm

Feb 10th

Women's B-Ball at
Bloomsburg at 6pm
Men's B- Ball at Bloomsburg at
8pm

Feb 12th

Wrestling at University of Pitt-
Johnston at 7pm

Feb 13th

Women's B-Ball at Cheyney
1pm
Men's B-Ball at Cheyney 3pm
(i) track @ Bucknell University

Feb 17th

Women's B-Ball vs Kutztown at
home 6pm
Men's B-Ball vs Kutztown at
home 8pm

Feb 19

Swimming at PSAC

Feb 20

Swimming at PSAC
Women's B-Ball at Millersville
6pm
Men's B-Ball at Millersville
8pm
Wrestling at Gannon U 2pm

Feb 21

Swimming at PSAC
(i) track at Cornell University

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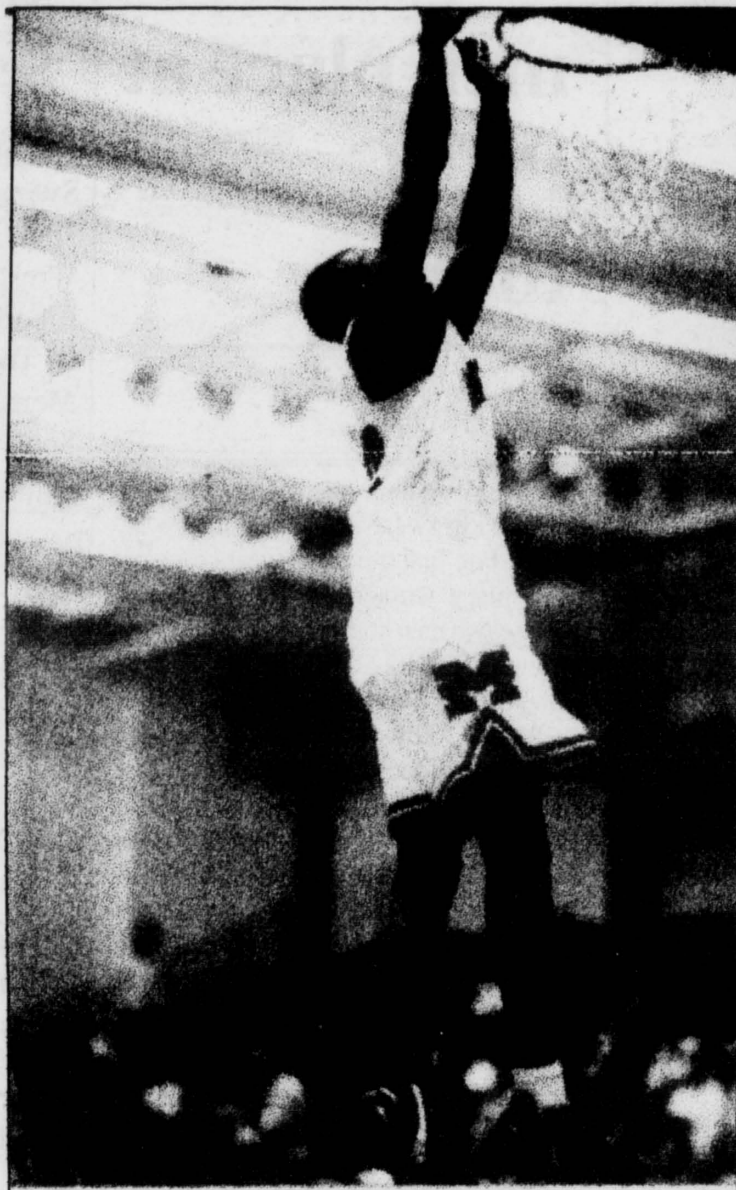
Tommy Harvey and Steve Shannon scored a game high 25 points each and both recorded double-doubles to lead Mansfield to a 96-78 win over East Stroudsburg in PSAC East men's action last Wednesday.

After trailing early, the Mountaineers rallied to take a 42-39 halftime lead and increased it to 62-48 on a 3-pointer by Harvey with 13:20 to play.

Harvey also dished out 10 assists and just missed a triple-double by pulling down nine rebounds. He moved into ninth place on the all-time career scoring list with 1223 points. Shannon posted his 16th double-double of the season with 12 rebounds while moving into the all-time scoring list with 1,172 points.

Three other Mountaineers finished in double figures with Alex Goodman adding 13, Kevin Perluk 11 and Sayre's Jim Davies with 10.

The win keeps Mansfield in fourth place and tied for the final playoff spot in the PSAC East with a 3-5 con-



Tommy Harvey goes up for a dunk against East Stroudsburg

ference mark. They improved to 9-12 overall.

Lamarr Singletary and

Raheem Richardson led East Stroudsburg with 20 points each.



Allyson Buss takes a pass in the Mountaineers win over East Stroudsburg.

Mountie women pick up win over Stroud

by Tracy Strupp
staff writer

The Mansfield University Women's basketball team picked up what could be its most impressive win on the season last Wednesday, defeating East Stroudsburg University 69-62. The win snapped a 16 game losing streak to ESU in which Mansfield's last victory came on February 20, 1991.

The victory also marked the first conference win for the Mounties, excluding Cheyney University, since 1994. Despite not having starting sophomore forward Heather Nichols in the lineup due to a sprained ankle, head coach Luke Ruppel felt his team handled the obstacle well, "it shows that we can play with adversity... beating East Stroudsburg was a big hump for us to get over. Our goal for the season was to beat Cheyney and East Stroudsburg, so it's very meaningful to us. It's a start to getting the program back up to where it should be."

Mansfield started out the game sloppy, allowing East Stroudsburg to go on a 11-0 run five minutes into the first half. The Mounties slowly closed the lead until freshman guard Tracy Tyler hit a jumper with 1 minute left in the half to tie the game at 22. Tyler then hit a 3-pointer with 11 seconds remaining to give Mansfield their first lead of the game.

In the second half, East Stroudsburg pounded the boards and grabbed the lead, which was its greatest at 41-34 with 13 minutes left in the game. At eleven and a half minutes remaining, senior forward Tracy Moser hit a three-pointer followed by a jumper by junior Colleen Doherty making the score 39-41, and Mansfield once again regained the momentum they had lost since the first half.

Mansfield then went on a 10-0 run highlighted by a regaining of the lead at six minutes when freshman guard Jennifer Nichols hit a three-pointer to make the score 48-47. A steal by freshman Allyson Buss, who took the ball in for an easy lay up, made the lead even greater at 50-47. From that point on, the smallest lead was three points. The game was sealed with 20 seconds left when Jennifer Nichols was repeatedly fouled and nailed five of six foul shots to ensure the victory for the Mounties.

Four Mansfield starters scored in double digits tonight. Nichols led all scores with 15 points. On the night, she was 8-10 from the free throw line. Senior guard Tracy Moser scored 13 points, including going 2-2 from three point range. Both junior Colleen Doherty and senior Lauren Martin scored 12 points.

For East Stroudsburg, Stephanie Kuhn had 15 points and six rebounds.

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N.T.S.O. will be having a meeting at 12:30 p.m. on February 23, 1999, in the Cabaret Room (first floor) of Memorial Hall. All Non - Traditional students and commuters are encouraged to attend. Free lunch and beverage are provided for those attending.

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Greek means more than Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll

Carl Madonna
staff reporter

Being Greek means a student will be given the opportunities to develop their leadership skills. The Greek system helps individuals develop into people of honor and integrity. Many fraternities and sororities, such as Phi Kappa Sigma, offer their members an opportunity for maturation through sharing in lifelong friendships with a diverse group of brothers.

When most of us think of a frat house, we think of John Belushi parading around in a toga with a bottle of Jack Daniels in hand. When problems arise due to alcohol many people look directly at the Greeks. The only thing we hear about is what time the party starts and how many kegs are going to be there. No one hears about the endless hours these young men and women put back into the community. No one notices the money these organizations raise for their philanthropies. The Greeks, not only at Mansfield but around the country are indeed unfairly stereotyped.

Everyone has their own preconceptions on what fraternal life is about. These ideologies are formed through what we hear, what we see, and the negative press frats have received throughout the years. You would have to be naive not to believe that alcohol and drugs are not used in the frats and sororities. But to judge 30-40 individuals upon the actions of a handful of people is ridiculous.

Chad Lankford, President of Sigma Tau Gamma said, "Our job is to promote a strong brotherhood atmosphere and to excel in our academic endeavors." Sig Tau has helped various organizations throughout their existence at Mansfield

University. Just last year the brothers of Sig Tau offered their assistance in the effort to clean up a National treasure, The Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. And when the Blood Drive comes around, you can be sure to see the brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma helping out as much as they possibly can.

"No one sees the positive points that our fraternity clearly illustrates," said Ryan Hallock, President of Lambda Chi Alpha. Last year alone, Lambda Chi put forth an astounding 963 hours of community service. Lambda Chi's philanthropies include the Blood Mobile, the cleaning up of local parks, and the brothers of Lambda Chi delight local children every Halloween with their Haunted House.

We have done so much for the community, yet the recognition is evidently absent," said Kyle Larkin of Phi Kappa Sigma. Phi Kaps is another frat that is very active with the community. Their philanthropies include the Leukemia Society of America, Green Home, Women's Coalition, Adopt a Highway, and the Mansfield Firehouse. The minimum grade point for a Phi Kaps is a 2.50.

"We share in the successes and failures of all our individual members, chapters, and the National Fraternity as a whole, and it is our job as members to see that Phi Kappa Sigma is perpetuated now and in the future," Larkin said.

Stephanie Ridosh, sister of Alpha Sigma Tau said, "More drinking is done outside the Greek system than within."

"Being Greek means you are part of something special. Our sisters go above and beyond the mark of sisterhood," said Lindsey Reda, also a sister of AST.

The sisters of AST contribute their time and effort with the Adopt a Highway pro-

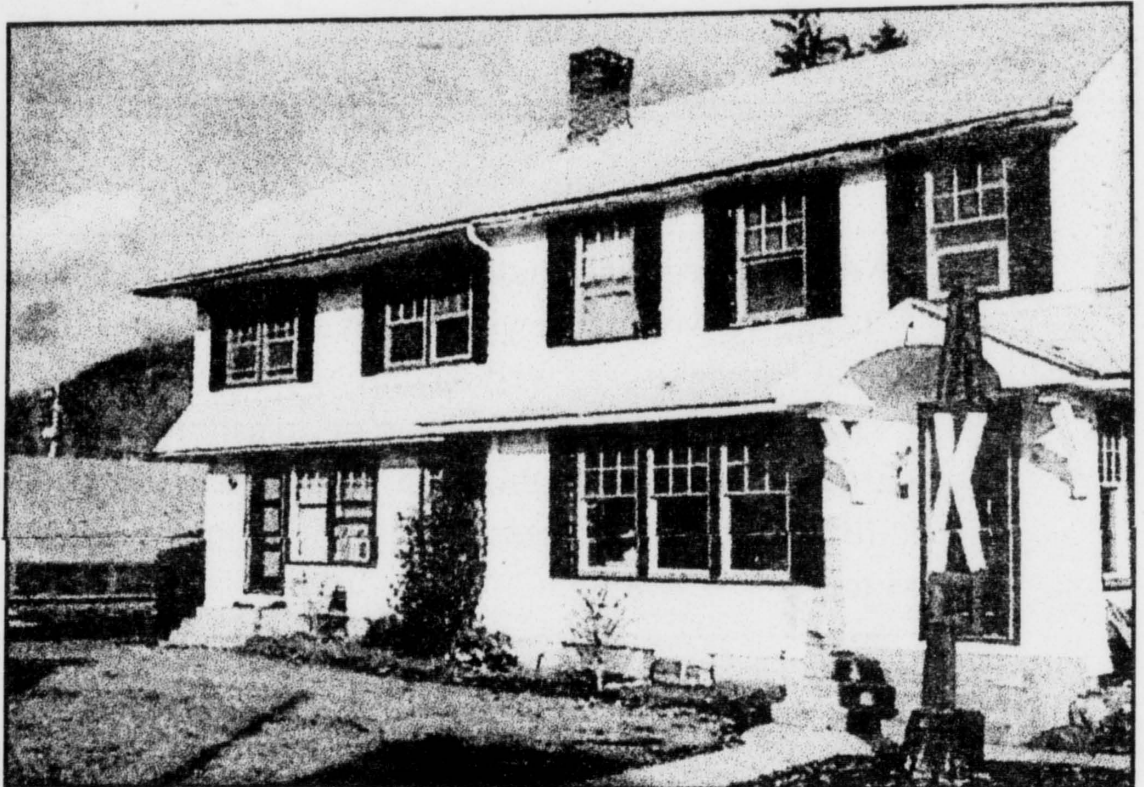


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The Alpha Chi Rho house is located out of the Mansfield Borough. Many fraternities decorate their houses with letters. Notice the AXP carved out of a standing tree in the right foreground.

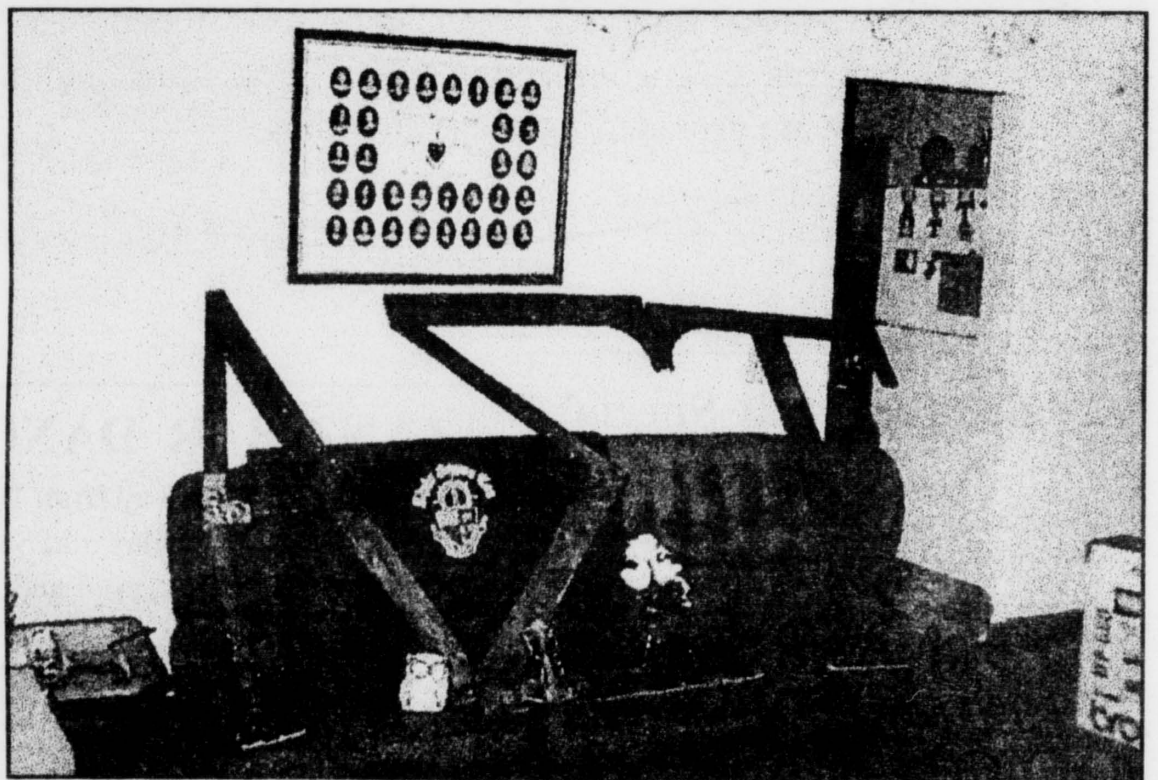


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Members of Alpha Sigma Tau brought their letters and composite out to an apartment room in the house to show them off as the photographer was not allowed in their Chapter Room.



photo by Joe Wagner

The Sigma Tau Gamma house on Elmira Street displays their letters in Christmas lights on the peak of their house.

gram and The Hills Creek Park clean up.

Phi Mu Alpha is intended to raise standards of creativity, performance, education,

and research of music in America," said brother Herb Kinney.

Kinney's frat is slightly different than the those previously mentioned. Phi Mu Alpha is a Professional Music Fraternity and is considered Non-Social. The difference between a Social and Non-Social frat is simply the matter of having a fraternity house.

At least that is the assumption found to be true on this campus. In most circumstances Non-Social frats do not have "open" parties like Social fraternities have. My understanding from speaking to several fraternity members is that drinking and the presence of alcohol in the houses will soon be abolished.

Another interesting point about Greeks is their Grade Point Average. The majority of Greeks on this campus carry a GPA of a 2.20. Also every Greek organization on our campus gives their pledges a designated "study time." Go

visit the third and fourth floors of the library this semester and you could get a better understanding of exactly what the Greeks are trying to install in their future members.

The town of Mansfield hosted the first ever night football game between Mansfield State Normal School and Wyoming Seminary.

The original game was played on the field located at Smythe Park where the brothers of Alpha Chi Rho reenact the game every year for the 1890's Festival. Jason Cobb from AXP said, "Above all, we promote loyalty amongst all of our brothers." For Halloween, the brothers of AXP help out the community by escorting children around.

All fraternities on this campus serve the community in several notable ways. From Halloween to the Blood Mobile, these brothers and sisters contribute their time and efforts voluntarily.

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MU participating in scholars program

by Carl Madonna
staff writer

What does it mean to take learning seriously at Mansfield University? The public perception of scholarship is not good.

Scholars are often thought of as caught up in irrelevant trivia, so lost in their own words that they cannot communicate with their students or the or anyone else for that matter.

The underlying assumption is that scholarship and teaching can in fact be separated. As part of this effort to elaborate more on teaching and learning, Mansfield University is participating in The Carnegie Academy of Teaching Campus Conversations.

This five-year program is designed to encourage campuses to take learning seriously by looking at the connections between teaching and learning.

The main goal of this program is to encourage the entire educational system to connect teaching and learning. We need our professors to reflect on their teaching, and we need the students to reflect on their learning," said Tom Murphy, at The Center for Effective Teaching.

We have many superb examples at Mansfield of

students and faculty integrating ideas and research. Such activities often make up the most significant and exciting components of those students' education. "It is our (professors) job to better the teaching and learning atmosphere for everyone that attends our University. "If people are not learning, something needs to happen to get them learning again," Murphy said.

The following are a list of events that will coincide with the Campus Conversations. All of these key events will take place in the North Dining Room in Manser Hall.

On Wednesday, February 17, 1999, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. the first Open Session will be held. The second Open Session takes place on Wednesday, March 31, 1999, from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

The final Open Session for all faculty will be held on Thursday, April 22, 1999, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. This final session will include the analysis of Dr. Peg Miller, President of the American Association of Higher Education. These festivities conclude with a dinner for all invited guests and faculty at 6:00 p.m. on the 22nd of April.

For more information involving the Campus Conversations, you can contact Tom Murphy at (717) 662-4969 or visit the web site for the American Association of Higher Education at <<http://www.aahe.org/teaching/>> Carnegie/academyl.htm.



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The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, along with the other fraternal organizations on campus will be required by the campus to close their doors on open parties.

University prepares to nix alcohol use at fraternities

by Kimberly Sapone
co-editor in chief

The 1999 Fall semester will bring about a major change for the fraternities at Mansfield University.

As of next semester, all Mansfield University fraternities will be required by campus to go dry. This means they will not be able to serve alcohol to any student at any party.

The change comes about because of suggestions from the national chapters of

each of the fraternities, in light of recent deaths of fraternity pledges that have occurred at other college campuses.

"Our fraternities are already required to keep federal and state laws as far as underage drinking is concerned. However, we don't live at the houses," said Carmen Bianco, Associate Director of Housing Operations.

The exact definition of having dry fraternities is still being determined. Bianco along with Inter-Fraternity Council hope to come up with an agreement on what the word means.

"There are two possible definitions," Bianco said. "The first is, of course, a completely alcohol free environment."

The second choice is that only those residents of the houses that are 21 can have alcohol in their rooms, and they will not be able to serve those residents in the houses that are under 21.

"Nationally, fraternities have found that it is helpful as far as their recruitment and

their grades go. Our people haven't experienced that yet, so they don't know," Bianco said.

As for the fraternity brothers on our campus, reactions have been mixed. Some older brothers are okay with the decision, knowing that they can go to the bar instead.

Others feel that it may hurt recruitment, no matter what the national statistics show. Some of the underage brothers are upset because they do see it as a place where they can drink, whether or not it is against the law.

"We haven't worked out all the kinks yet," Bianco said.

When a formal definition is finally agreed upon for next semester, punishments will also be decided for people that break the rules, including determining if an offense is individual or group-related.

Currently, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Tau Gamma, and Alpha Chi Rho are all on social probation because of alcohol related instances.

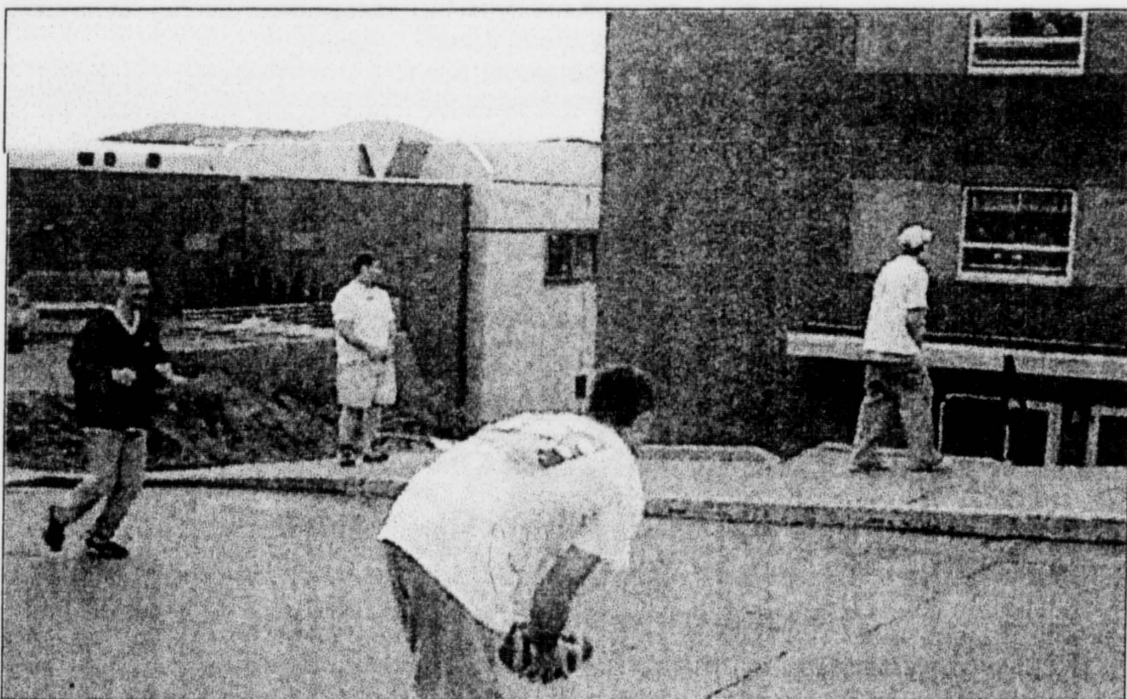


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Mansfield University students managed to find time after classes to go outside and enjoy the mild weather on campus on Thursday. The temperature made it into the fifties yesterday, allowing pickup football games, outdoor activities and shorts to be worn around campus.

Jostens will be outside the bookstore on Feb. 15 and 16th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for faculty who would like to purchase their own cap and gown regalia. Also, for students who wish to purchase a class ring.

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Phi Sigma Pi offers offers safe sex aids

by Anji Nolan
staff reporter

Phi Sigma Pi, the National Honors Fraternity did their first service project in lower Manser. The table had brochures, various literature a thousand condoms provided by the Guthrie clinic in Mansfield.

Kim Mohrman, Samantha Lewis and Phi Sigma Pi Vice President and Service Chair Nikki Dilliplane were present at the table.

"We want to educate the students on ways to be responsible. This is designated year round. We want the message to be 'sexually responsible no matter who or what your doing,'" Dilliplane said.

"We are not promoting abstinence, sex happens, educate the student," Lewis added.

Campus ministry voiced it's opinion on this last comment. They feel it is important to promote abstinence, not practice. Abstinence is making the personal choice to not have sex.

"Abstinence is the best form of premarital sex practice, but if you are going to choose other wise, [here's] an analogy. I would not encourage you to steal cars but if you are going to take a joy ride wear your seat belt," said Reverend Deborah Casey, who represents seven major Christian-Protestant religions on campus.

"We are not animals.

We have self control. Abstinence is not only a form of birth control it is 100% effective and is equally protective in preventing STD's. Abstinence not only respects self but the other person. There is always a second virginity, it is never too late to practice chastity. Chastity is a beautiful thing," said Mrs. Larie Grab, Catholic church representative.

Mansfield University's clinic located in Maple B provides free condoms and directions. If these condoms are not applied properly, they can break easily.

Emergency contraception, or "the morning after pill" is free at the clinic and it is effective until 72 hours after the sexual encounter. Anyone on campus, as well as commuter students are welcome to get these free items.

"Sexual Responsibility Week was started last year as part of the peer education network. This ties in with alcohol, AIDS, appropriate behavior and a lot of things that groups on campus are doing. There is a marriage between the Advocacy, Bacchus/ Gamma and The Honor Fraternity. Advocacy did programs in the halls. We have joint programming [and] some R.A.'s placed sex jeopardy in their halls," said Carmen Bianco, the Assistant Director of Housing, and Advisor of Bacchus/Gamma.

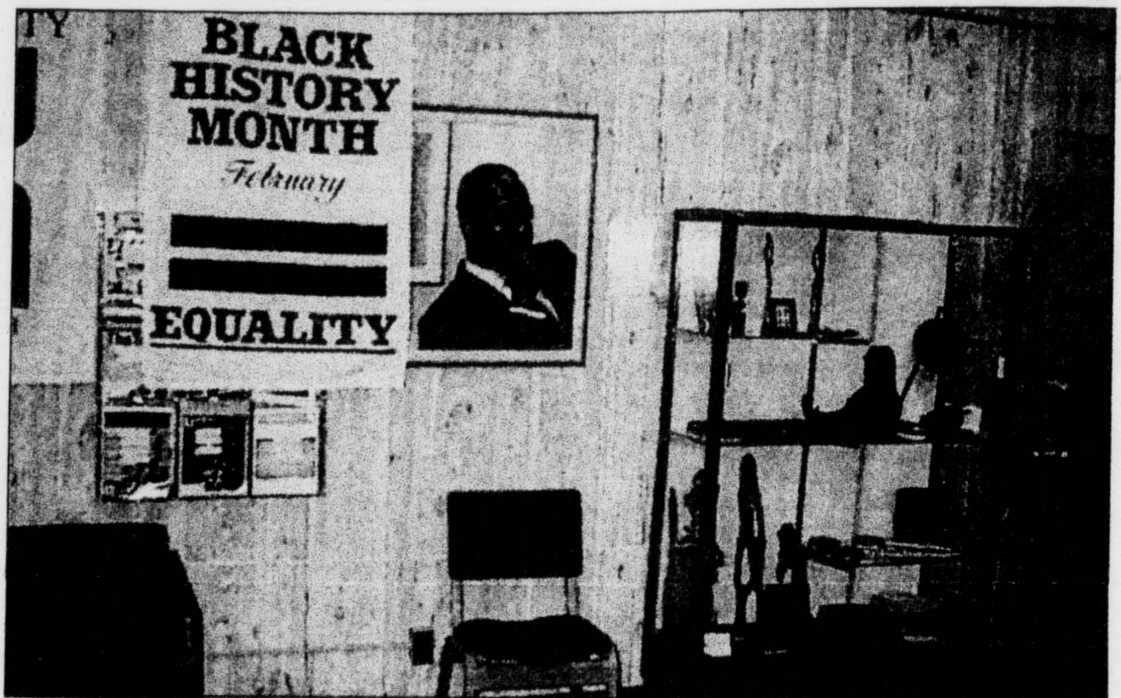


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The Martin Luther King Center offers books, films, and multi-cultural artifacts.

MLK Center goes unused

by Darren A. DeVoue
staff writer

"Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together and thereby transform this pending elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood," said Martin Luther King

Room 101 in Memorial Hall is the home of the Martin Luther King Human Resources Center. This center has

the potential to help students understand and deal with the diversity that is all around us on campus.

To understand that our efforts during our career pursuit can be guided by respect for others. Unfortunately this center and all it has to offer goes under used by students who do know of it and is not noticed by students of a different ethnicity.

Part of it lies with University priority. Aside from this month, Black History Month, the use of the center is minimal. However, Black History Month

is providing all of us (that means black, white, Chicano, etc.) with an opportunity to use this center to enhance our knowledge and enrich ourselves.

Over the course of the next two weeks, during the weekdays of course, the MLK Center will be hosting a plethora of films.

Students can probably use these films for extra credit in certain classes. Or how about this thought, we could learn something new, because when do you ever know enough?

Art dept. highlights black artists

by Holly Blyler
staff reporter

Dr. Harold R. Carter, head of the Mansfield University Art Dept., has recently received a \$5,000 State System of Higher Education (SSHE) Social Equity Grant that is going to help fund the 1999 African American Arts Festival. MU, and the Mansfield Activities Council will also be funding the festival.

The activities scheduled this month are to help create activities and opportunities for African American artists to be recognized in the fields of the visual arts, music, dance, theater, poetry and literature.

"One of the purposes of this proposal is to get the Mansfield community and sur-

rounding areas to come out and get involved in these activities," Carter said.

The calendar of events starts off this Sunday, Feb. 14th with a Blast From the Past concert held in Elmira, N.Y. at the Clemens Center. It lasts throughout this month and next until Monday, Mar. 15th.

Working to develop this new program in honor of our Black History Month are Dr. Andrew Longoria, MU Theater Dept., Clarence Crisp, Director of S.A.O., Betsy Brune, Director of Grants Development, Ron Smith, Director of Affirmative Action and Dr. Jannis Floyd, Assistant Professor of Special Education.

A few local African American artists will have their works on display downtown at the First Citizens Bank in Mansfield from Feb. 20th -

27th. The featured artists include Dr. Harold R. Carter, Johanne Benoit, Terri Plater, Gregory Page, Dr. Joanne McGee and Arthur L. Dyer.

There will also be a main exhibit at the MU North Hall art gallery featuring the works of Reginald Fatherly. Fatherly received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in art education from Mansfield. At present, he is employed by the Williamsport Area School District as an art teacher.

Fatherly is known both locally and nationally for his works of art. He has won many awards for his realistic paintings, landscapes, portraits and still lifes.

A community reception in honor of Fatherly will be held on Sunday Feb., 21st from 2-4 pm in North Hall.

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Problems of alcohol abuse

by Rachelle Harley
Guest Commentary

Alcohol is not a stranger to college campuses. When you attend college, you are faced with many choices such as attend classes, lectures, sports, clubs and parties. Drinking for most students is a major activity. If you want to be a part of the group, have fun, or just hang out, some type of alcohol is usually involved. It's a very difficult to resist temptation of participating in activities where alcohol is consumed especially when everyone participating appears to be having a good time.

Most college students have no idea about the number of drinks that will make them legally drunk. The illegal intoxication limit in PA for drinking is 0.10%. Beer is fermented to contain approximately 5% by volume. Wine is fermented to have between 10% — 14% alcohol content. It's important for students to realize when to stop drinking and when to slow down.

Alcohol causes problems with academic performance. Drinking alcohol during your college years makes you think at a slower pace, reduces your ability to attend class, and diminishes your ability to obtain meaning from the classes you do attend. In addition to the many affects, alcohol causes a lack of concentration and affects your health. A number of medical problems that would impair your ability to stay in school can arise from consuming too much alcohol. On America's college campuses, alcohol is a factor in 40% of all academic problems and 28% of all dropouts. (<http://www.glness.com/ndhs.stats.html>)

The continued use of alcohol affects your body and mind in a number of ways. Health wise alcohol affects your stomach, heart, liver, and brain. It can make an individual sick and can cause stomach ulcers which may lead to other problems. (<http://www.lcb.state.pa.us/edu/kids-teens.htm>) Your heart is affected by over stimulation, high blood pressure, and potential for heart disease. The liver tends to take the most abuse from alcohol because it filters blood and can only metabolize alcohol at a limited rate. The consumption of an excessive amount of

alcohol invades the liver cells and can lead to cirrhosis and possibly cause cancer. The brain controls your speech, language, and thought patterns. When you consume alcohol the brain cells can be destroyed; the central nervous system is impaired and you lose coordination, balance, concentration, reflexes, vision, reason and judgment. This information was obtained from a state webpage focused on teens.

The affect on your brain by alcohol is most devastating. The impairment of your reason and judgment may cause you to do things that you would not normally do when sober. Your ability to determine right from wrong is impaired and you resist the cautions of your friends and allow yourself to get into situations that could jeopardize your future—all because you were drunk. When you make poor judgments while under the influence of alcohol, you must live with the consequences of your actions. Those consequences can be severe: jail, fines, community service, and even possible expulsion from the university as stated in the university's PASSWORD. What's more, is that you lose the respect and confidence of peers, mentors, and those individuals that respected you. Driving while intoxicated is the "greatest single cause of death for individuals" (1998).

From casual observation I would guess that majority of the students at Mansfield University drink on a regular basis or have tried alcohol. Alcohol impairs your ability to make good decisions. It also changes your mood and can make you very depressed. Here at MU there are many places to go for help. There is the Counseling Center, staffed by trained psychologists and counselors. Also there is assistants from the Assistant Directors of Residence Life (ADRLs) and Resident Assistants (RAs), in each dorm, who can give advice and information about appropriate services on campus. The Campus Ministry program offers counseling and support groups for students who are having problems with alcohol and its effects.

I've learned a lot about alcohol and the misuse of alcohol this past year. It is hopeful that this information will assist others when they are confronted with a decision to consume alcohol. Think once, think twice, think three times, and then just don't do it.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content, so why should we?

Physics Club corrects our math

Dear Flashlight staff,

In last week's *Flashlight*, you reported that the *Flashlight* athlete of the week, Ms. Karen Krouse, hurled a 20 lb. weight a school record breaking distance of 22 feet, four inches. You further reported that this weight was about "the size of half a baseball." While the Physics Club was very pleased with your reporting of Ms. Krouse's athletic accomplishment, we were, to put it mildly, less than pleased with what you reported.

First, based on the size of the weight in the article, the weight would have a density of about 160 g/cm³, approximately seven times the density of osmium, the most dense element on Earth. Second, you short changed Ms. Krouse 4 feet and one-half inch, and we want it back. The actual distance that she projected the massive weight was 8.04 meters.

Your Physics Club

Forensics Director clears the air

I am submitting a Letter to the Editor for the following reasons: First, to thank this semester's *Flashlight* staff for covering the story regarding the MU's Forensic Team's second place finish at The Southern Tier Classic held at Binghamton University two weekends ago. Forensics is an academic activity; it was nice to see a team event like this receive coverage. The departing (fall) editorial staff did not seem to share this sentiment. However, I feel I must clarify several comments made in that article.

This is not our first tournament, it is our fifth tournament of the season although it is the first one for the SPRING semester (as the article stated). Secondly, we are, indeed, indebted to the Provost for funding the team. However, a home tournament is a very, very long term goal many years away. Any fund-

ing received for next season would go to normal traveling expenses (hotel, food, entry fees). The team just wanted to thank Dr. Moore for the initial funding in letting us compete. I tried to make that clear to the reporter, but perhaps I did not clarify this enough.

Lastly, of the 24 trophies displayed in the photo, 23 were for individual wins; there was only one "team" trophy. When I stated that we don't have any "stars" on our team, I meant that I don't favor one competitor over another regardless of individual success rates. Each person on our team is a "star" in their own right. To have the entire team win, every student must be contributing during all rounds of competition.

Dr. Sharon Carrish, director of Forensics

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Bob University has some gift tips for Valentines

by: Karen Holgate
staff reporter

He's had an entire year to plan for this day. But, of course, Bob waits till the last minute. Now, it's Valentine's weekend, and Bob has nothing for his sweetie Jezebel. Buy her some flowers and chocolates you say? No can do, Bob spent the last of his dough on a Superman comic. (It's the one where they discover red Kryptonite!) Take her out for a romantic dinner? Not Bob, his idea of romance is tickets to a Star Trek convention and replicated food served by a Klingon. Cook her a nice quiet dinner at home. That's not going to happen when Pizza Hut delivers.

So, what is our hopeless romantic to do? Go to his new best friend the Internet. Here he finds all sorts of nifty freebies to send his best girl.

After doing a simple search for "Virtual Flowers" he is amazed to find there are hundreds of sites. Thanks to the web Bob's no longer in the dog house!

What are virtual flowers you might ask? Good question. Virtual flowers are bouquets of flowers sent through e-mail. No they are not real, hence the term "virtual". But they are the next best thing.

Pick a site that looks interesting. Bob suggests: www.virtualflowers.com. You go there browse through the different flowers they have to offer. Finally you pick your girlfriends favorite. Next you write a sappy sweet message. Now all you

have to do is send it to her.

Very important: Know the address of the person you are sending the flowers to. If the e-mail address is wrong all your effort will be for nothing.

You may want to explore several sites, because they do offer different things. Some have special pictures, others will allow you to pick a song to play along with the flowers.

Flowers aren't the only thing you can send. If you have a friend who needs a pick-me-up, send them a virtual joke. There are tones of sites out there where you can send cartoons and funny cards. An easy on to check out is www.virtualjokes.com.

Need to send a birthday or anniversary card. No problem. There are sites that specialize in greeting cards. All

of them free. That's right in case you didn't hear the first time. FREE!!

These sites are easy to find and even easier to use. So, next time you're in a bind about sending a flowers, a gift, or a card. Try them out see how ya like them. Promise they won't bite. Much.

Of course, poor Bob forgot his sweetheart doesn't check her e-mail on the weekends. This means he'll be spending Sunday Night on the couch.

Note: Bob University is in no way associated with Mansfield University or any of its students. He is just a character who is invisible, not imaginary in Karen's life. Look for more articles on Bob and his adventures in future Flashlight issues.

Mountaineer T.V. production making history

by Lisa Robinson
features editor

There is no cry of "quiet on the set." It is a raised hand from the camerawoman, a whispered cue in the headphone mouthpiece, that brings silence to the set. The reporter and young man who have been talking in the back of the studio pause and focus their attention on the young girl in front of the camera. She is sitting cross legged on a plush green chair, holding a Teddy bear and smiling. Behind her there is a dark background dotted with the bright red, cut-out, cardboard shapes of hearts and cupids hanging on strings from the ceiling. She starts to talk.

"Hello, honey. Happy Valentines Day. I love you."

The young man turns to the reporter and tells her this isn't what you would typically see and hear at this college campus studio filled with communications students eager to learn about television production, but during the week before Valentine's Day these are the types of speeches going on. The young man is David Storey, the president of Mountaineer Television Productions, Mansfield University's TV Club and he explains the video is being made as part of a fund raiser for the club. Storey says the TV Club isn't known for producing anything of quality in its short history but that fact is about to change.

After trying their hands at game shows and Valentines videos, MU's TV Club is about to take a giant leap into the campus television world with an "as if live" news broadcast Thursday, February 18. You may be asking, "as if live?" what is that supposed to mean? It means that since Mansfield doesn't have the capabilities to do a live newscast, the show won't be live, but it will be the next best thing:

it will be filmed that day.

"We plan to start filming at 4:45 in the afternoon and finish at 5:15, since it is a half an hour newscast," Storey said. "After that we will take it back to the editing studio and edit in our remote news and interviews, which will have been filmed earlier in the week."

Storey said the group plans to run the newscast at 6 p.m. that evening, again at 10 p.m. and then once more at 12 noon the next day, until everyone has seen it. Storey added some of the details of the broadcast are still up in the air but he does know news that happened that day or that week will be featured. The talents of the

25 members of the club will also be featured.

Group Vice President, Liz Visotski, says the group is looking forward to the project.

"This is something we have been wanting to do for a while," Visotski said. "Now we have David and he is all about news so it just worked out."

Storey has been the group's president since April of last year. Under his leadership the group produced the Win, Lose, or Draw game show, which appeared on the campus channel this fall. According to Storey, the newscast, however is a whole new ballgame.

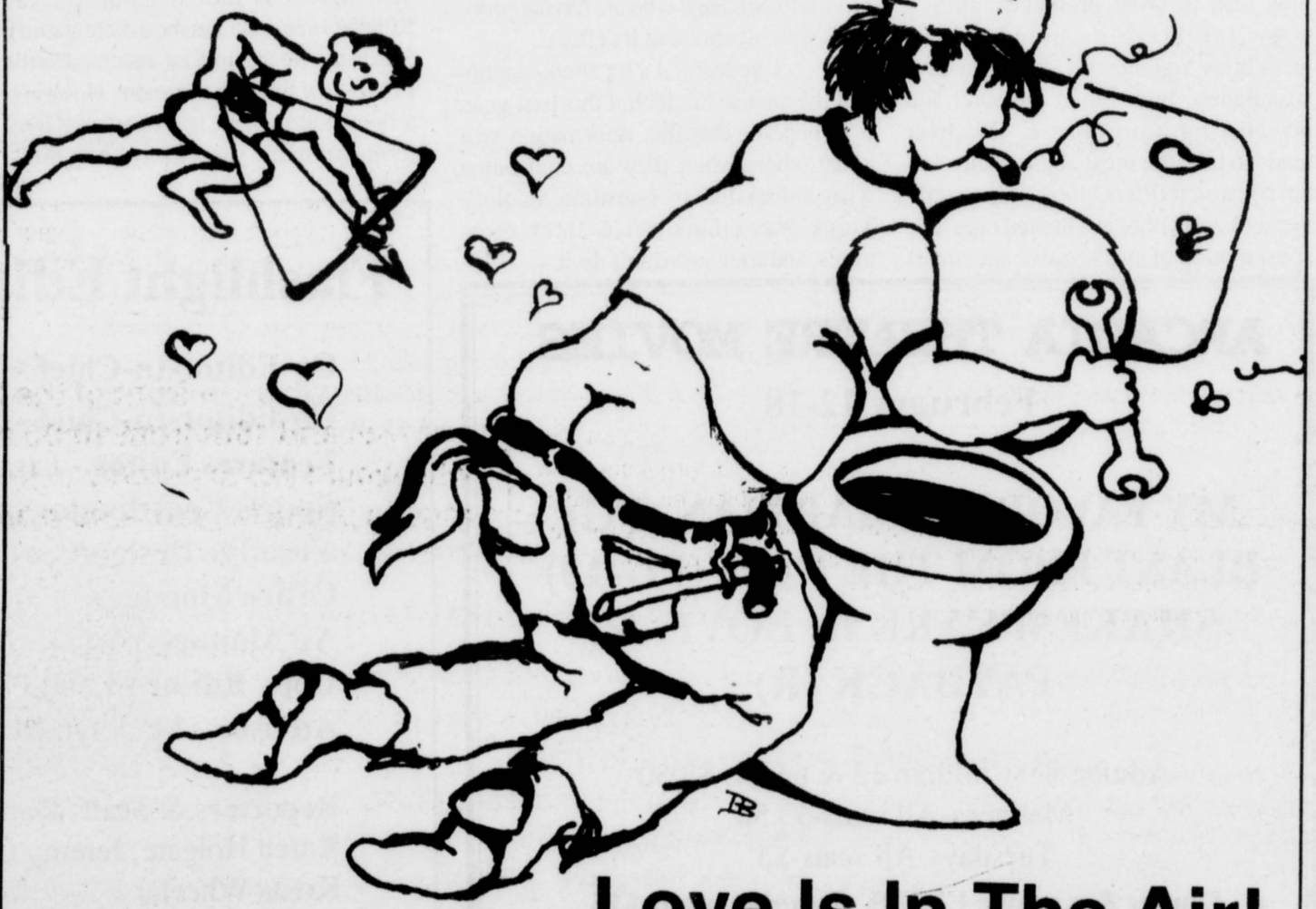
"This will be our first major endeavor into television," Storey said. "This is the first time this has been attempted in a couple of years."

Visotski said after the newscast the group is hoping to produce a Singled Out type show as well as a soap opera. Both Visotski and Storey say that for now they will be content if their current project is a success.

"If this doesn't kill us, I'm sure we'll do it again," Visotski said of the newscast.

"I'm sure by the end of the week, I'll be pulling my hair out," Storey said. "But when it is all done I know it will turn out cool."

Happy Valentine's Day from the staff of the Flashlight



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Varsity Blues: Touchdown for Van Der Beek

BY JEREMY CHEEZUM
MOVIE REVIEWER

I cannot recall the last time I have seen a bad football movie, whether it was a comedy (*Necessary Roughness*) or a drama (*All The Right Moves*). *Varsity Blues* was not any different from those movies.

This movie stars James Van Der Beek, a.k.a. Dawson Leary from WB's *Dawson's Creek*, as the second string quarterback in a small Texas town that takes high school football very seriously. Dawson, which is not his name in the movie, does not really want to be on the team, the only reason he is, is because of his father.

If you want to see this movie

because Van Der Beek plays a nice smooth talking guy, don't plan on it, because he portrays a different type of character here than he does on *Dawson's*. He plays a guy who is sick of football, his coach (Jon Voight), and all the hype that goes with it.

One thing leads to another and VanDerBeek ends up being the starting QB. He is not only the quarterback but he is also a leader.

This is a good football movie because there is plenty of realistic on-and-off-the field action.

Some of the off field action is the taking of pain killers by the players and the parties that they go to after the games.

By the end of the movie you really start to feel for the team and you want them to win. When the audience

starts reacting with their emotions that is when you know you have a good movie.

To be honest with you, the story line has been done before but it is still worth watching, especially if you like football.

Jon Voight does a great job at being an over zealous coach who demands too much from his team.

This movie is produced by MTV, so in other words, the soundtrack to the movie is really great as well.

I truly believe that this movie takes a realistic view at high school football and how stupid our parents, coaches, and community can be when they push kids at something that really is not that important. If you like sports and VanDerBeek, go see this movie.

Grade: B

A look at Dawson's Creek by the Features Editor

by Lisa Robinson
features editor

This isn't a great revelation or some great review like Ross and Jeremy gives us, it is a simple observation of a new phenomenon that is going on these days. I'm not sure what to call this phenomenon, except it surrounds the new WB series *Dawson's Creek*. More than anything this is a review of the show which seems to be dominating televisions 8 PM time slot on Wednesdays.

Forget *Third Rock From the Sun*, it's *Dawson* time. For those of you out there who are thinking--what is this Dawson stuff all about, stop thinking "what"; it is "who." *Dawson's Creek* is about the life of Dawson Leary who lives in a small town in....in....well, he lives there, where ever it is and he is fairly attractive so that makes the show more interesting. I personally am not usually part of popular trends. In this instance, however, I have found myself, like many other young adult girls, making time in my schedule for Dawson.

Anyhow, back to the show. It is, as I stated before, about Dawson. Besides Dawson, though, there is his best-friend Joey, who lives next door,

Jen who lives, the other next door (next door in Dawson-land is like next door in rural PA.. So in other words they live half a mile away, probably); then there is Pacy, Dawson's, other best friend; and just this season two additions arrived on scene: Jack and Annie McFee.

Here is the run down of the plot so far: Joey and Dawson used to hang out all the time to watch movies. (Dawson, himself, is an aspiring film maker). Then they started to date, but only after Dawson first dated Jen and then broke up with her. Then Joey and Dawson broke up. Now Joey is dating Jack and Pacy is dating Annie and oh, yeah, did I mention that Jack might be gay? That last part was this weeks cliff hanger. Whoo!

Don't get me wrong here, I'm not gushing over the masterful or deep, thought provoking plot of the show because many times there isn't one. I'm not even saying this is the best show on television. I mean the show has its weaknesses.

One big weakness is the fact these kids are only supposed to be 15. In real life they are anywhere from 20-23, maybe older. Another weakness is Dawson's current film project which is about a guy who is upset because he was dating his best friend but she broke up with him because she wasn't sure about her own life. Sounds a little familiar..... in fact it sounds really familiar. It is the main plot of the show.

Payback: It's Mad Mel, back for more

by Ross Ranier
movie reviewer

Mel Gibson's latest vehicle, *Payback*, strays from the buddy-cop antics of the *Lethal Weapon* series. It is closer to the detective movie style of Gibson's recent *Conspiracy Theory*.

Brian Helgeland wrote *Theory* and co-wrote and directed *Payback*. It is loosely adapted from both a 1963 novel, *The Hunter*, and the 1967 film, *Point Blank*.

Payback revolves around Gibson's character, Porter, and a \$70,000 payoff from a job that he pulls off with his fellow cronies.

His own wife and his supposed partner split with all the money, including Porter's cut, and left him for dead.

In true Jason/Rambo fashion, Porter cannot be killed that easily. He spends the film trying to retrieve his cash.

While *Payback* is certainly not original, it is consistently entertaining. Gibson is likable as always, even here as a bad guy. The film's black comedy and cartoonish violence are appropriate.

Some of it made even me, a veritable violence connoisseur, cringe with nervous delight.

There are a few amusing running gags including a couple into S & M with Dean Martin music playing as they abuse and arouse each other.

The screenplay of *Payback* is tight but cliched. Overused phrases like "old

habits die hard" are actually uttered in Gibson's narration.

The fact that Helgeland wrote *Theory* and the amazing *L.A. Confidential* makes such hackneyed dialogue seem that much more out of place.

The worst part of *Payback* is its terrible supporting cast. Most of them are so bad, Mel deserves an Oscar just for having to act opposite such amateurs.

They are all recognizable (Hey, it's *that* guy!), but are subpar nonetheless. The best is veteran James Coburn, whose role is rather small.

The women of *Payback* are the strongest part of the cast next to Gibson. Especially good is Lucy Liu, best known from *Ally McBeal*. Her deliciously evil TV role is amplified and eroticized in *Payback*.

There are no real "good guys" in the movie; both the men and women are bad, including police.

Gibson himself is unusually quiet and reserved throughout the movie, which displays his oft-hidden range as an actor. He gives and receives beatings and takes bullets, all the while remaining low key.

The film's narration is also dry, like the film noir movies that *Payback* seems styled after.

Gibson's nonchalance nicely balances the film's gritty, dark tone. In this age of unfunny comedies and tired action flicks, *Payback* is an enjoyably uncomfortable and mildly refreshing alternative to the next rehash.

Scale of Tolerability: Fairly Tolerable

Jostens will be in front of the bookstore on February 15th and 16th from 10:00 am to 3:00 for faculty who would like to purchase their own cap and gown regalia. Also for students who wish to purchase a class ring.

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Candice Cipolla
Athlete of the week : Swimmer
is undefeated in backstroke in dual meets.

"Athlete of the Week" Candice Cipolla a graduate from West Lawn's Wilson High School and a Biology major, here at M.U. is undefeated in backstroke. She is 4 seconds faster on the cusp and has a good chance to qualify for the NCAA's. At E. Stroudsburg, She is undefeated in dual meets in back stroke and set the record at E. Stroudsburg, and has a good shot at qualifying for the NCAA's.

Cipolla, Ulett, Ragukonis and Davis prepare for PSAC's

Anji Nolan
Sports Coordinator

Coach Porny Comments "Swimming is science, based on training at fatigue levels and holding those levels. I don't like loosing, but if I have to loose, I would prefer it to be to East Stroudsburg. I really respect their coach. She turned their team around after three years. I hope to do that, too. The woman at PSAC [Ulett, Ragukonis, Davis, Cipolla] did what they had to. It was a good meet."

On February 6th Mansfield 98 lost to East Stroudsburg 146. Following up on Katie Danielson. She is in good health now. She swam to a 3rd in 200 breast and in 100 breast. She was also a member of the two relays. Teammate, Beth Bardo, placed 3rd in the 100m backstroke. The 400 medley Relay (Cipolla, Ragukonis, Ulett and Danielson) placed first with a placed first with a time of 4: 29.08. In the 200 meter freestyle relay (Ulett, Davis, Danielson and Ragukonis) placed 1st with a 1:52.97.

Here are the results of the four women who will be attending the PSAC meet next week in their individual events.

Jamie Ragukonis : 1st 500 Free 5:37.32 and 1st 200 Free 2:03.51; Ragukonis is recognized this week as Swimmer of the Week in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Newsletter for these two records she set.

Sarah Davis : 2nd 100Fly 104.31, 1st 200 IM 2:22.83 and 2nd 1000 Free 11:32.74;

Candice Cipolla 1st 200 back 2:12.39, 3rd 100 Fly 1:06.15, 1st 50 Free 26.84; Looking at her performance last year she set two NCAA National B standard times and placed 4th and 5th in the 200 and 100 backstroke events at 1998's Feb 19-21 PSAC.

T eresea Ulett : 1st 200 Fly 2:26.30 and 2nd 500 Free 5:42.78

Women Smash Teammates' Records

Anji Nolan
Sports Coordinator

At least that's what freshman Nichole Beckel, leader of the beginning of the 1998 cross country season did to team Captain Collen Ryder's 1500m record of 5:18. Beckel brought it down to 5:16.4. Beckel was also close to Mansfield's 3000 meter record.

Krysiak has shown many talents out in the field, as an RA of Hemlock Hall, a biology major and pledge of Sigma Alpha Iota and another: the 20lb hammer throw. At the meet prior to this one, she was unable to finish competing in finals after her first throw because it ripped the skin off her finger. This week though, Colleen Krysiak set the 20lb hammer throw record of 26'11" or 8.20 meters.

The results from finals in the 17th annual FSU Invitational February 6, 1999. Mansfield women were fourth. The results here are from Final Events only. 800m 1st Ryder 2:29.93, 6th Maines; 1000m 1st Ryder 3:25.35; 3000m Beckel 11:12, 3rd Clark 11:42.17; 1500m 1st Beckel 5:16.4, 6th Clark; 55mHH 6th Maines.

Track Men are 2nd

The Mansfield Men at the FSU Invitational placed 2nd. Lamar Crawford met some competition this week and in his five events placed in the top three of each. Longjump 2nd Crawford 6.74 (22' 1-1/2), 6th Ferdorwitz; 55mHH 3rd Crawford 8.12; 55m dash 2nd Crawford 6.87, 4th Ferdowicz; 400m 1st Coyle 51.05, 6th Watkins; Polevault 2nd Franitti 3.81 (12'6"), 3rd Dougherty 3.66 (11'6"); 500m 5th Banyer; 800m 5th Dougherty; 200m 1st Coyle 23.25, 6th Ferdorowicz; 1600m relay 3rd 3:42.56; 3200m relay 4th; triple jump 1st Crawford 13.49 (44'3-1/4"); Highjump 3rd Crawford 6'4 (1.93);

16-points by Buss Special...

Mansfield women loose 78-59 In the first half trailed by 6 points. Yet in the second half dropped to 78-59.

The game the first half was kept close with Freshman Allyson Buss, scoring 9 of her team high 16 points over the first 20 minuets.

Mansfield had foul trouble in the second half with starters Tracy Moser and Lawren Martin, fouling out midway in the second half.

The loss snapped a two game winning streak. M.U. Women drop to a 5-18 overall and 2-7 in the PSAC.

Mansfield Women travel to Cheyney University this Weekend!

Where's Harvey?

Special.....

Mansfield men led the game untill the last three minutess dropping a 69-62 decision at PSAC East hearing Bloomsburg University in PSAC East Coast.

At half time MU was up with a 37-28 lead increased to a 43-33 with a 17:20 left in the half. And then with only 2:33 left to play the score was tied 56-56. Bloomsburg would have to make 11-13 free throws to win. In the remaining time Bloomsburg hit 21-35 free throws to Mansfield's attempts of 6-9.

Freshman Alex Goodman topped teh Mountaineers with 15 points, all from five 3 pointers. Kevin Perluk added 14 points.

Mansfield's loss fall of 9-14 overall and 3-6 in PSAC East settle for the 4th playoff spot.

Kutztown who won over East Stroudsburg pulled 2 games ahead of MU with 3 games to play.

Drop 3

by Anji Nolan
Sports Coordinator

Mansfield Men's dropped three. But look at the competition that they faced last week. Shippensburg Ranked #2 in the East., W. Liberty #2 in the South, and Binghamton #3 in the East.

At the upcoming meet here at Mansfield Tonight the competition includes Pitt-Johnstown is ranked #1 in the nation. Two of their wrestlers are rnked #1 in their weight in the country. Two of them are ranked #2. Be there! Tonight Decker Gym 7:00pm!

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Wrestling at University of Pitt-Johnston at 7pm

Feb 13th

Women's B-Ball at Cheyney 1pm
Men's B-Ball at Cheyney 3pm

(i) track @ Bucknell University

Feb 17th

Women's B-Ball vs Kutztown at home 6pm
Men's B-Ball vs Kutztown at home 8pm

Feb 19

Swimming at PSAC

Feb 20

Swimming at PSAC
Women's B-Ball at Millersville 6pm
Men's B-Ball at Millersville 8pm
Wrestling at Gannon U 2pm
(i) track at Cornell University

Does your organization want to place an ad on the electronic message board in Manser? Submit a typed message including a contact person's name and phone number. Messages will run for a two week period, unless other arrangements are made. Drop messages off at the SAO office in Memorial Hall.

Correction: Last week the Flashlight reported the Geology Club began a recycling program. It was actually the Geography club who began the recycling program.

MU Advocacy Video Series

Wednesday at 3 p.m. in
112 Pine Crest
February 17

"Sexual Harassment in the
Academic Workplace"

"Just Another Girl on the I.R.T."
Critically-acclaimed film preceded by
a short talk on "History of African-
American Actors and Directors"
by Dr. Andrew Longoria
Wed.Feb.17 at 8 p.m. in Allen Hall.

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Every Thursday from 7-10 p.m.
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Sponsored by the Student Union

Last weeks winners:

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MUSIC NOTES

2/12: 8 p.m. Kenneth Sarch,
Nancy Boston, Violin Piano Recital
2/13: 8 p.m. Student Conductors
Wind Ensemble Symphony
2/14: 3 p.m. Wind Ensemble/
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DON'T MISS **BELOVED** in Allen
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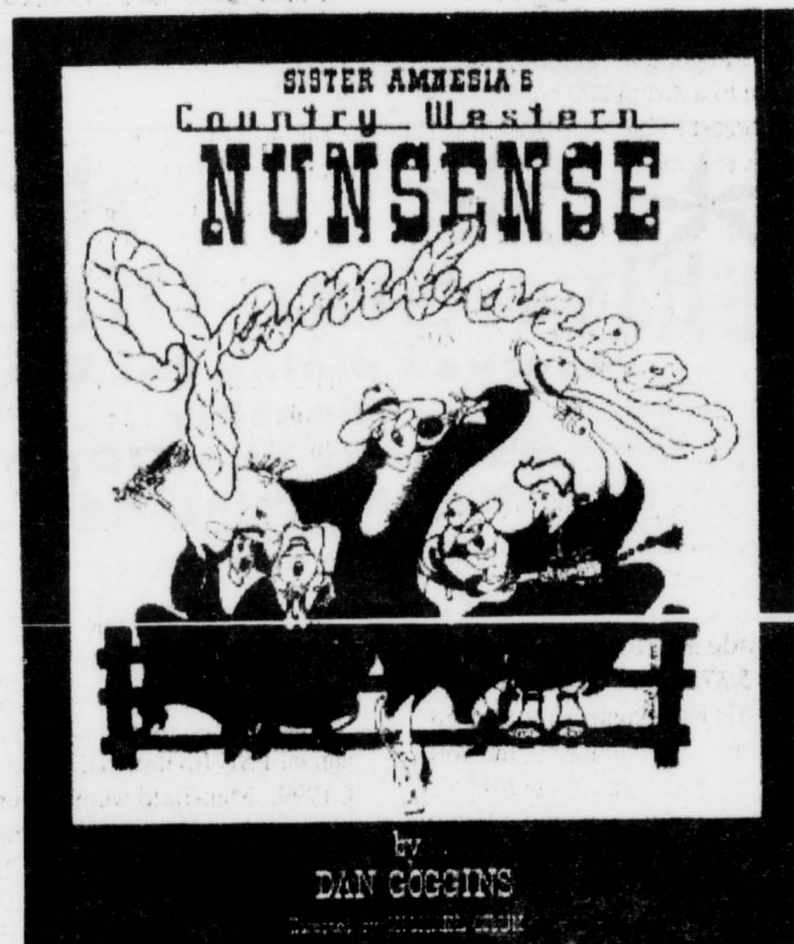
Richard Newton-Morris and Friends
Tues.Feb.16 at 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the HUT

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Reserved Dining and Theatre on
Friday February 19, 1999
at 6:00pm in north entrance
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Black History Month celebrated at MU

by: Carl Madonna
staff reporter

The month of February is a special time for all African-Americans to take part and share in their rich and illustrious history. Africa is the second largest of the earth's seven continents, covering with adjacent islands about 30,300,000 km. Africa also makes up about 20% of the world's total land area. In the mid 1990's about 12.5% of the world's population, some 700 million people, inhabited Africa. The National Capital of Africa is Addis Ababa. Zebras, lions, elephants, and Angora goats are just some of the many animals indigenous to this vast continent.

Some 5 million years ago a type of hominid, a close evolutionary ancestor of present day humans, inhabited southern and eastern Africa. The earliest true human being in Africa, Homo sapiens, dates from more than 200,000 years ago. The first great civilization in Africa began in the Nile Valley about 5,000 b.c.

More than 1,000 dif-

ferent languages are spoken in Africa. Apart from Arabic, which is not confined to Africa, the most widely spoken African tongues are Swahili and Hausa, each with more than 10 million speakers. In the first decade of the 20th century, the musical practices of Black Americans synchronized to form a new American music called jazz. It first flourished in New Orleans, La., then spread to cities all across the country. Among the most important jazz innovators in the first half of the 20th century were Louis Armstrong, Fletcher Henderson, Billie Holiday, Duke Wellington, and Dizzy Gillespie.

Mansfield will be celebrating Black History Month starting the 14th of February, with an African-American Arts Festival. This festival will be featuring music, art, films, a unique workshop, performances and poetry readings. This Sunday also offers our students a bus trip to the Clemens Center in Elmira for a great concert. The "Blast From the Past" will feature music from The Drifters, The Platters, and The Coasters.

Tickets are \$5.00 with a valid M.U. ID card. For more information stop by 209 Memorial Hall.

On Monday, Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m. in North Dining Room, SST Communications of Chicago will present the fun, hard-hitting and dramatic workshop "What's so Different About Diversity?" The workshop's goal is to change the way we think about others. This workshop will be free of charge to everyone interested. Clarence Crisp said, "This is an opportunity for people to get an idea of what is going on around them. This is also a wonderful chance for everyone to get involved."

Andrew Longoria of the communication and theater department, will give a lecture on "History of African-American Actors and Directors in Film and Theater." This talk will be held prior to the film "Just Another Girl on the I.R.T." The preceding will be held at Allen Lecture Hall on Feb. 17, at 8:00 p.m.

An African-American Artists exhibit opens Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m.

African American Arts Festival

Sunday, Feb. 14- 7 pm
"Blast from the Past Concert" featuring the Drifters, The Platters and G-Coasters at the Clemens Center

Monday, Feb 15- 10:30 AM
Cultural Diversity Workshop in North Manser

Tuesday, Feb 16- 11:00 AM
Poetry Readings by MU students Richard Morris and Friends

Wednesday, Feb 17- 8:00 PM
Just Another Girl on the I.R.T. Allen Lecture Hall

Thursday, Feb 18- 7:00 PM
Beloved a film by Jonathon Demme Allen Lecture Hall

Saturday, Feb. 20-27
African American Art Exhibit First Citizen's National Bank

Sunday, Feb 21- 2-4:00 PM
Nommo Dance Group from Penn State University Ethnic Dance program at Streadman Theater

until 4 p.m. at First Citizens National Bank, Main Street, Mansfield, and continues through Feb. 27th. Manser Lobby will host an exhibit and sale of African art from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 23-25. On Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in Allen Hall 111, J. McGee and H. R. Carter will speak on the "History of African-American Artists."

The final event in the festival is a musical performance called "Beehive," a professional tour by Encore Attractions featuring the music of the 1960's. The show is Monday, March 15, at 8 p.m. in Straughn Hall. It is free for all MU students; and \$7.50 for all others. For ticket information call (570) 662-4980 or visit the web site at <http://www.mnsfld.edu/depts/stuactiv/mucalpre.html>.

The MLK Center will be showing African-

American movies in celebration of Black History Month. Show times for all shows will be as follows: MWF 10:00-4:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday show times will be 10:00-2:00 p.m.

This is a time for us all to come together and learn about diversity. Whether it's racism or ignorance, nothing will change until we all try to change it. Black History Month is intended to increase knowledge and appreciation for the African-American culture. The African culture is one of interest and splendid characteristics. Public rites ensure that the elders pass on their young the traditions, beliefs, and attitudes that hold their culture together.

For any additional information regarding the events previously mentioned, call (570) 662-4500 or you can speak with Mr. Clarence Crisp at extension 4980.

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Library technology ranks with larger schools

by: Amber N. Lindquist
staff reporter

Looking for some information in order to complete a research paper? Perhaps you only need it for an intriguing homework assignment. Either way, any peice of information you need is just a simple click or two away.

You say you don't have enough time? Have you considered the Mansfield University home page? The information contained there will help you find whatever you might be searching for. This option will also eliminate the sites that are not educationally based. Not only does this focus the search more, but it also saves time since you do not need to weed out the "trashy" sites that are linked to what your original search was for while on the web.

Librarian Larry Schankman claims they "have kept stats on the number of databases that have been accessed and the numbers have gone up." "Even though Mansfield is the second smallest school in the system we have more usage than say IUP or West Chester with 11,000 plus students," said



The North Hall Library is the oldest building on our campus, and now houses a technological library that is envied by others.

Schankman.

The current mixture of resources contained in the university search banks has made it easier for students to find what they are looking for in a shorter amount of time.

Over the past six years that Schankman has been working for the library, he has seen the changes that have taken place, however things need to keep growing. The reason that these changes have been able to take place is due to the fact that the

fourteen schools in the state system are now working together with the online databases and other searches related to specific studies, thus making it more affordable.

This means that Mansfield has the same resources and technology available here as does Indiana University, West Chester University, or even East Stroudsburg University. However "MU appears to be more computer savvy," according to

Schankman. What that says is that we have a higher number of students accessing information using the previously mentioned methods than the other schools in the system do. Additionally, we have the third highest access rate from off campus users as well.

If at any time you have a question about how any part of the library works or where to find something ... just ask. The librarians are "here to help and are willing to work one on one," says Schankman. There are many

workshops offered to teach apprehensive users to be more comfortable and often times an appointment can be made to show you if you are unable to attend the scheduled workshop.

Also, a Virtual Information Desk (VID) can be reached after library hours by either calling toll free 1-888-761-9401, locally at x4647, or via the web at vid.sshe.edu any time between 9:00pm and 1:00am. This service will be able to answer any research or computer related question you might encounter during these hours.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding any of the above resources to x4671. Requests for workshops or one on one instructions can also be made to this number.

By getting your questions answered or by getting help with something you do not understand will allow Mansfield to continue to grow, but according to Schankman we have "got to get more business" when it comes to using the computer technology.

Mansfield student interns in Harrisburg

Harrisburg—Christopher Lantz of Mansfield is working for the Pennsylvania Department of State as part of a 15-week internship sponsored by the State System of Higher Education.

Lantz is a senior political science major at Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. He is one of 14 students participating in The Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program, which provides students the opportunity to work in all areas of state government while earning a full semester's worth of credits.

The semester-long program invites students from each of the 14 State System universities to participate.

Lantz and the other students participating in the program will attend several academic seminars during their Spring semester internship. Each of the students also

will complete an individualized research project as part of his or her program requirements.

More than 150 students from the State System universities have participated in THIS since the program began in 1989, gaining valuable insight into the workings of state government at the policy-making level. Interns have worked with dozens of state agencies as well as in the offices of the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the attorney general.

State System students interested in participating in THIS in a future semester may obtain information on the program by contacting their individual campus coordinator or their university's cooperative or internship office or by calling the Dixon University Center at (717) 720-4089.

The State System of Higher Education is the largest provider of higher education in the Commonwealth, offering

more than 215 undergraduate degree and more than 100 graduate degree programs.

The 14 universities that comprise the System enroll a combined 95,000 students. Nearly 350,000 System alumni live and work in Pennsylvania.

The state-owned universities are Bloomsburg, California, Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West Chester Universities of Pennsylvania.

The System also operates branch campuses in Clearfield, Kittanning, Oil City and Punxsutawney and several regional centers, including the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg and the University Center for Southwest Pennsylvania in Pittsburgh.



photo provided

Mu Student Christopher Lantz is participating in The Harrisburg Internship program

I'd live on campus if....

by: Liz Visotski
staff reporter

Michael Lemasters held an open forum in each building this week to discuss options that can be implemented in the dorms on campus. Lemasters wanted feedback from students as to what can be done differently in the dorms as well as to find how students feel about projects currently in the works.

Projects already in the works that were discussed are the replacement of pipes and the possible regulation of heat in Maple and keeping up on routine maintenance in buildings that are all over 20 years old. There was mention of an attempt to make all of the lobbies of the residence halls more friendly such as possibly removing the wall that separates the lobby of Maple from the front desk and air conditioning in the lobbies of Laurel.

Ideas that have been

bounced around, BUT ARE BY NO MEANS FINAL, are such things as putting bathrooms into the suites of Cedarcrest. Another idea was to build a new residence hall, also with an apartment style arrangement. Something else that was brought up is the possibility of making Laurel co-ed. Lemasters was quick to point out to the students in attendance, some of whom were excited about the idea, that bringing men into the building will create a lasting and noticeable change.

One issue brought up by the girls of Laurel was that of 24-7 visitation. The matter was hotly contested by the students both for and against. The question also brought up other matters, such as what to do if a man "moves in", the concern of privacy and the need to increase the restroom and add male showers. The question of whether to make the side doors key openable like the ones in other buildings were also dis-

cussed along with reasons why that option has failed in the past. One student in attendance put forward the suggestion for an International floor, or at least somewhere for the students who cannot go home on breaks to stay and not need to repeatedly move their things from one building to another. The students also put forth the idea for the University to buy off-campus housing to use as residence halls for upperclass students.

That way these students would have the benefit of living off campus while the University would still have some control.

The students who took advantage of the opportunity to attend were thankful for the opportunity to express their views and to ask questions. Most walked away from the meeting with a feeling that their concerns were answered and that maybe their input will make a positive difference for those students who will follow.

Increasing enrollment at MU

by: Liz Visotski
staff reporter

On Wednesday, February 17 the Art and Science Group of Baltimore Maryland met with student and staff groups to plan ways to increase enrollment to Mansfield University.

The Group is a company that is involved with institutional marketing and works to find ways to recruit students to a particular university. Their mission is to strengthen Mansfield University's competitive position in the market. It is not enough for the people here to know how strong the school is, the word must be gotten out to others as well. The hope is to increase enrollment to 3,500 students over the next five years. Wednesday was only the first in a series of meetings that will stretch over the next six months to allow the best influx of information and give them a feel for how students feel about the campus.

Reasons that the students gave for attending Mansfield ranged from the strong major programs to the fact that there is no essay on the application. Several students even said that their decision was based on how the viewbook looked.

Most students like the size of the university. Although some complained that their classes were large they did admit that the professors did make it a point to try and get to know their students, especially in the major-related courses. Several of those in attendance pointed out that there are more options available to students here since it is a small campus, such as becoming an RA or having a show at the student radio station.

The main concern that the students seem to have against the university was involved the computers. There was unanimous disapproval for the fact that computer support is understaffed and therefore the library computers do not work. Complaints were also made about the need to pay for printing charges in the various computer labs around campus. Several students were also upset by the fact that football is given a larger portion of athletic funding then is the baseball or basketball teams, or any of the women's sports.

On a positive note, the students at the meeting praised the obvious improvement of the women's sporting teams over the past several years, as well as the movies and lectures being brought in through the Provost's office and MAC.

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Seminar deals with student stress

by: Jenna Rawa
staff reporter

Stress. We all have it. We all deal with it. But do we deal with it in the right way? Tuesday, February 16th, the student seminar that was held in Allen Auditorium at 6:30 was entitled "I just can't take it anymore". Appropriately titled, this one of eleven seminars was presented by Michael McCloskey. McCloskey is a senior Human Resource Management major here at Mansfield University who is actively involved in the Campus Ministry. Graduating in December, McCloskey hopes to get a job in admission or career counseling but holds a great interest in Stress Management. The class that sparked his interest was Psychology of Stress Management, currently being taught by Dr. Craig

The turn out for the seminar was scarce but participation soared. Collectively, the top four stressors that were discussed were college workload, roommate and friendship problems, family relationships, and money. Along with stressing over these and other factors sickness, moodiness, and insomnia may occur.

McCloskey used a mnemonic device called the "5 R's" to express ways of reducing stress. The "5 R's" are re-think, reduce, relax, release, and reorganize. Rethinking involves goal setting and positive thinking. "Focus on the good in life. Get away from the bad," McCloskey advised. Reducing calls for time management and the "ACT" technique. "ACT" is the order in which you should organize your daily responsibilities. A stands for absolutely, things that must get done. C stands for could, things that

could get done if your time permits, and T stands for try, things that you can try to get accomplished. The relaxing step involves both active and passive activities. The passive side would be concentrated breathing, meditation, and focus on spirituality. The active side includes yoga, massage, and progressive muscle relaxation, which is laying down and tensing and releasing every muscle to become fully aware of your body. The releasing step refers to the expending of energy such as cardiovascular exercise and weight training. Lastly, reorganizing requires you to bring everything into perspective. Reshape your life to become a more focused individual.

McCloskey left us with a piece of advice that was passed onto him by one of his roommates: "If you're not willing to change a certain aspect of your life, then don't stress over it."



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Oldies concert brings in Black History month

by: Anji Nolan
staff reporter

"If Mansfield was looking for more International Students one thing the students would be looking for is cultural diversity. We should then thank Dr. Carter and the Student Activity Council for promoting this show and many more shows." Irene D'Silva, an International Student said.

The Blast from the Past oldies concert that was held on Valentine's Day at the Clemens Center in Elmira drew a large crowd and made all people, go back to the fifties. The concert was held as the opening activity of the African American Arts Festival, which is being held at Mansfield University in honor of Black History Month.

Ronald Smith, T. Abraham, A. Cooper advisor of BSU and Multicultural affairs director, Dr. Carter, Assistant Professors Jannis Floyd of Special Ed, Alexandra Nolan of Public Relations, Mr. Leboff's wife Jean, Coach Sabol, Dr. Ann Mabe, Coach Elsasser, Dr. Yacovissi, Dr. Lapps and Mrs. Lapps were all in attendance

According to the house manager, 1600 seats were filled and there

were over 50 volunteers. The concert was brought in by outside promoter Marty Klein.

Bob Penrod started off the concert, followed by The Platters. They started off with the song "Young Lovers."

"This next song is dedicated to all the lovers in the house," they proclaimed before singing their hit "Only You."

The Coasters took the stage next, and they too made the crowds scream in excitement. They made jokes about how most of the people in the audience probably listened to their music on 45's, and now they could only buy CD's.

Next the Drifters came on stage, just like they had since 1953. They sang all of their hits including "This Magic Moment", "Up On The Roof", "Spanish Harlem", and "My Girl."

They then asked for a single woman in the audience over 25. Jannet was the lucky lady as first tenor and lead singer Joe Cross serenaded her walked over to where she was to sing "Each Day Through My Window". The band gave the subject of their "affections" a t-shirt for being such a good sport. In all, the night was enjoyable for all - both young and old.

Teletubby out of closet??

by: Kimberly Sapone
editor-in-chief

By now most of you have probably heard the storey - the Reverened Jerry Falwell has made the announcement. Yes, Tinky Winky, the purple Teletubby is a homosexual.

The Reverened has made this decision based on the following factors. Tinky Winky first of all is purple, a color

that is known as a "gay pride" color.

Secondly, Tinky Winky has a triangle-shaped antennae on his head - of course, the gay pride symbol.

Finally, Tinky carries around a "purse". Actually, the writers of the show say that it is a magic bag.

Why a grown man has to criticize a children's television show, no one knows. Apparently, this is a controversy that will not be dying down anytime soon. We'll keep you updated.



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Sports pages critiqued

Dear Editor:

This letter pertains to the February 11, 1999 sports section in *The Flashlight*. Although, we believe that *The Flashlight*, as a whole, has made a considerable turn-around for the better since the last semester, some of the recent sports sections and articles leave much to be desired. We do not want this letter to act as a *Flashlight* "bashing session," but we see it as an opportunity to make *The Flashlight* a better paper and a paper that would make Mansfield students and athletes

proud. The headlines in the sports section are confusing and inaccurate as are some of the articles as a whole. For example the article with the headline "Drop 3," never mentioned what sport was being covered. The article was very confusing and lacked the detail necessary to be a good example of journalistic style. Another article titled "16 points by Buss," which appeared in the same edition, never mentioned what team the Mounties lost to. The overall writing skills of the reporters in the sports section are very poor and do not compare to the writing skills of the rest of the staff of *The*

Flashlight. Considering that we are in college and numerous members of *The Flashlight's* staff are communication majors, we think that the recent blunders have cast a shadow over *The Flashlight* as a whole. This is not just our sentiment, but is the shared sentiment of many of the students and athletes who read your paper. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Kristina Petersen and
Jill Mancini

Help for annoying busy signals

The Telecommunications office would like to advise everyone of a problem we're currently experiencing, actions we are taking to fix it, and what you can do to help.

Currently, many people are experiencing busy signals when trying to reach either downtown numbers or -800/888 numbers during the evening hours. These services share a limited number of lines attaching the university's telephone system to the local telephone company. We monitor these lines to insure that there are a sufficient number for use, but lately, we've experienced a dramatic increase that caught us by surprise.

After investigation, we've discovered that the problem is that there has been a dramatic increase in the number of 800 calls, as well as calls to local Internet service providers (ISP's). Since Internet calls are usually much longer than normal telephone calls, this has the effect of taking large numbers of lines out of service during our peak calling times. This problem has been compounded by the fact that some people, frustrated by receiving busy signals when calling their ISP, have, once attached, never disconnected, removing that line from our available pool, in

some cases, for days at a time.

What we are doing:

-The university is adding additional trunk capacity to handle the unanticipated load, and is reviewing our telephone system programming to insure that customers using our PSN service, and those trying to access local phone numbers are unaffected by this problem.

-Individuals found to be tying-up university facilities by "nailing-up" and ISP connection are being asked to disconnect when the service is not in use or face losing their calling privileges.

What you can do:

-If you access long distance by use of an -800 or -888 number, and are experiencing problems getting out during the evening, call your provider, and ask them for assistance. "Toll-free" calls are not really free, since they tie up shared university facilities, with no revenue stream to support them. It is our hope that these companies will assist us in providing a solution which insures their customers can reach them during our busy times.

-Try the university's PSN service for placing your long distance calls. In many cases, the cost is less than a calling card, and much less than a phone card, depending upon the destination of your call.

-If you are accessing the

Internet via dialup, please disconnect when your connection is not in use. By leaving your service connected, not only are you interfering with campus telephone traffic, you are tying up the ISP's resources, too, affecting other students and everyone in the Mansfield calling area.

-Please consider moving your Internet access to a cable modem. This service provides much higher speeds and far more reliable 24-hour access, and doesn't tie up telephone equipment. After the initial start-up cost, there is very little difference in the per-semester price, and the dramatic improvement in performance will pleasantly surprise you.

My office wishes to apologize for the temporary inconvenience this situation has caused, and thanks to everyone in advance for any help they can provide in helping us find remedies.

Bill Phillips
Telecommunications Manager

Computer answers

To- The Editor

A recent article in the *Flashlight* discussed the inadequacies of the residence hall computer rooms. The purpose of this letter is to make students aware of the future use of these rooms. Last semester work was completed to network these rooms.

In the near future each residence hall computer room will house networked Pentium class computers with a laser printer. We had hoped to have these rooms up and running by January, but delays resulted in the schedule being changed. In the meantime, students should be aware that the Doane Center computers were upgraded over Christmas.

The article also

raised a concern about the availability of these rooms for student use. Our goal is to secure the new computers and printers in a way which will allow these rooms to be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I want to commend the *Flashlight* for highlighting issues which are of concern to our students. I would like to suggest that the reporters seek out a staff member or knowledgeable student who may have information about an area. In this case, All Residence Hall Council has been briefed on the status of the computer rooms numerous times and could have given the author an overview of the plans for the room.

Sincerely,
Micheal Lemasters
Director of Residence Life

Phi Sigma Pi makes clarifications

Dear *Flashlight* Staff,

I am writing to correct a few misquotes that were printed in the "Phi Sigma Pi offers safe sex aids" article in the Friday, February 12 issue of the *Flashlight*.

It was said that this was the Honor Fraternity's first service project in Lower Manser. This is untrue. We have participated in numerous service projects at the table in Lower Manser. Some of these include: Volunteering during AIDS Awareness Week, Sexual Assault Awareness Week, and monitoring various elections (SGA and Homecoming) where voting took place there.

The *Flashlight* reporter also misinterpreted Phi Sigma Pi's reasoning behind providing the literature and condoms during Sexual Responsibility Week. We were promoting EDUCATION and RESPONSIBILITY. There were pamphlets available for students who chose to be abstinent, there were also pam-

phlets educating students on pregnancy, STDs, and other forms of contraception. In addition to literature we also had a nurse at the table from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. She was willing to provide answers to any questions that students may have had.

We understand that students at Mansfield, as well as other universities world-wide, have sex. Our organization felt that by equipping students with the knowledge about sex and the risks that are incurred, they would be more likely to act responsibly. Ultimately the choice is in their hands, and what they do is an individual decision.

Sincerely,
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Vice President
and Service Chairperson
Phi Sigma Pi
National Co-Ed Honor Fraternity.

Greeks say thanks to *Flashlight*

Dear *Flashlight* Staff

I am writing to you in regard to the article that Carl Madonna wrote in the Friday, February 5, 1999 issue of the *Flashlight*, which talked about greeks and what they do for Mansfield University, and the Mansfield community.

On behalf of Alpha Sigma Alpha, I would like to say thank you! The article was well written and featured many of the community services and national organizations that sororities and fraternities are involved with. Although, in reading the article, I saw that Alpha Sigma Alpha was not mentioned. We work nationally with Special Olympics and

the S. June Smith Center. Here in Mansfield we are involved with Adopt-A-Highway, we act as crossing guards helping children cross the streets safely on Halloween night, and Adopt A Friend, we also participate with many other campus and community events and organizations.

It is about time that people see what the greek organizations do here at Mansfield University. Your article dispelled quite a few myths as to what greek life is all about. We would just like to again say thank you for writing this article and helping the campus become aware of all the good greeks really do.

Sincerely,
Bridgette A. Maney
Alpha Sigma Alpha Sister

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content, so why should we?

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Library Etiquette

by: Fawnya York

Here at Mansfield University there are many unwritten rules. For example no one knows where it is written that if a Professor is 10 minutes late, or a Doctor 15 minutes late the students have the right to leave class. This is only one of the many rules that students find out about as they spend time on campus. One rule that apparently not everyone is aware of involves North Hall. Although the building is in fact a library, there are areas for students to talk. Maybe not everyone realizes the circulation area is for students to talk. The porch is set up for people to sit and talk to each other. When furniture is set up facing other furniture it is an invitation to talk. If there are students on the porch trying to study they need to expect they will be interrupted by groups talking. There are places all over the library to study. As a matter of fact if you need/want to study in complete quiet there are rooms which you can check-out. There is only one place for groups to meet and

discuss things and that is the porch. I don't mean they should yell and get out of hand, but talking in normal voices is permitted. Then there is the issue of what to do when a person is being loud. If you have ever been in the library and someone has shushed you, then you will understand where I am coming from. I hate being shushed. I feel that it is more obnoxious than the actual talking. If someone is being loud simply ask them politely to keep the noise down. You don't need to yell at them, people are generally reasonable. However, you need to remember if the people that are bothering you are on the front porch, they are allowed to talk there. Then again, for those people that do sit on the porch, use some sensitivity towards your fellow students. Maybe you don't need to discuss everything as loudly as you do. Remember, whether we like it or not all of us need to use the library at one time or another. Be nice to each other while you are there and it may not be so bad.

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Tick Tock: Which one is the right clock?

by: Karen Holgate

Once again, something on this campus has gotten my ire up. What is it with all the campus clocks? Not one of them shows the right time. It is as if there are several different time zones on this tiny campus.

I begin my day downtown. Check the clock at the bank. 9:30. Great, I've got plenty of time.

I stop by Dunkin' for my daily dose of caffeine. Check the clock. 9:35. Still good to go.

I get to campus and stop off in South Hall to see my adviser (I told you I was a geek). Talk for about five minutes. Check the clock. 9:45. Fine, I have time to go to the library and print out my paper.

As I walk into North Hall the clock says 9:20. Okay, I guess I can check my e-mail while I'm at it. Check the clock as I leave. 9:45. Plenty of time to get to Elliot.

While entering Elliot I note the clock. 9:50. Fabulous, I can pick a nice comfy seat in the back row and wait for my buds to arrive.

Upon entering the room the Butler bells are ringing. But, the prof appears to have been speaking for twenty

minutes. He doesn't seem to be happy to be interrupted. So, I grab a lousy front row seat nowhere near anyone I know.

Class ends at exactly 10:50. Good I thought old What's-his-name would talk forever.

Headed to my next class in Retan, I feel confident I'll make it on time. Walking up the steps I hear the Bells. I think great, I'd better run to get there on time. While making this mad dash I trip and tear a hole in my jeans.

I walk in, out of breath and in complete disarray. And as I take a seat it dawns on me. This is not my class. This is the class before mine. So, I sit there like an idiot until they leave. As they file out my class files in. I'm getting strange looks all around.

So, not only have the clocks made me look bad twice in one day, they've ruined my favorite jeans. Thanks!

My solution. Pick a time to synchronize all the clocks, bells, whistles, and whatever else is used to keep time on this campus. Find a way to make everything right.

Until then Prof's, don't get mad at the hapless student who thinks they're early when they're actually fifteen minutes late. And students, don't ridicule the poor lost soul who walks into your class and takes a seat ten minutes before it's over.

Keeping love alive

by: Darren DeVoue

As I peruse the campus I periodically overhear other students conversations. The majority of the time these conversations center around relationships. I notice the disgust that people express to their friends and wish that I could share with them the story of a real good race I saw once.

WELCOME LADIES AND GENTLEMAN TO THE RELATIONSHIP STAKES! ALL BETS SHOULD BE PLACED. THE RACE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN AND ...

However appealing that someone may be to your eye (and loins), remember good judgement always wins out. Consider what each side can offer the other.

THEY'RE OFF! OUT IN FRONT FROM THE GATE IS "INITIAL ATTRACTION!" THAT LITTLE STINKER ALWAYS GETS A STRONG START!

The more time you spend with someone the more you become accustomed to someone's presence. Consider this, the moves that you make now with, regards to academics, activities, etc. follow you. Therefore you should apply a calculating mentality to that and your personal dealings as well.

AND AS THEY APPROACH THE FIRST TURN, "INFATUATION", "ATTACHMENT", AND "CONFUSION" ARE IN A THREE WAY FIGHT FOR THE LEAD, BUT THEIR WEARING EACH OTHER OUT! THEIR GIVING WAY TO A STRONG HORSE!

The person that can deceive you the most, is actually yourself. Try not to be on cloud nine over this person all the time. Take that other time to think about objective factors like your backgrounds, upbringings, etc. They're gonna surface anyway, so you might as well deal with

them early.

IT'S "LOVE" LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! HE JUST BLEW PAST THOSE OTHER HORSES! HE'S LEADING COMING AROUND THE TOWARD THE HOME STRETCH WITH "REALITY" NOT ABLE TO KEEP UP. AND "HONESTY" JUST TOOK A BAD SPILL! IT MIGHT BE THE GLUE FACTORY FOR HIM!!

And for goodness' sake, if your eye wonders say so. That's part of how you might be, so express yourself. Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen does it especially when we are trying to maintain a low profile.

AND TRYING TO MAKE HIS MOVE LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, IS "INFIDELITY"! GOOD GOOGILYMOOGILY!! THAT'S ONE UGLY HORSE IF I EVER DID SEE ONE!

Don't misunderstand me, I'm not trying to imply that I know the formula. I'm just listening to students and telling what I learned from watching this race.

AND COMING DOWN THE HOME STRETCH LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S "LOVE" TRYING TO FEND OFF "INFIDELITY" AND "INSECURITY"! WE'RE LOOKIN' AT BARN BURNER OF A FINISH!

And hopefully with some good judgement mixed in with some objective thinking and a ton of positivity and honesty and you can tilt the odds a little more in your favor.

AND THEY'RE ALMOST AT THE FINISH FOLKS! AT THE LINE IT'S... "HEARTBROKEN AND ALONE" FROM OUT OF NOWHERE!! FOLLOWED BY "LOVE" IN SECOND, AND REALITY IN THIRD! WHOA NELLIE! WHAT A RACE FOLKS. IT'S A SHAME THERE COULD BE ONLY ONE WINNER.

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Next Week:

Read about Eric Chrisman and Wayne LaForme's Independent Horror Film.

F.Y.I.

What Are You Curious About?

If you have ideas for the F.Y.I. section call Features Editor Lisa Robinson at X 4986

Bob U. says, "Let's talk about sex, baby."

by Karen Holgate
Staff Reporter

This weekend Bob University decided to have a little fun. You know, all work and no play makes Bob cranky and irritating to be around.

So, Bob went out to a party. Being of age, he had a few drinks, played some beer pong and really loosened up. When we say loose, we mean a bit tipsy. (Bob sucks at beer pong.) By the end of the night, Bob was in a panic. He had had an unprotected sexual encounter.

For students who find themselves in a similar situation, a confidential AIDS testing program is available on the Mansfield University campus. The Pennsylvania Department of

Health administers tests this semester on February 24, March 15, March 24, April 14, and April 28. The testing is done in the side hallway off the lobby of Maple B. It is offered between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon.

The testing process is confidential and has other advantages for students. If you were to be tested at your doctor's office, you would have to pay for the visit. And while your doctor cannot discuss the results, they do go in your medical file. If you apply for insurance a few years down the road, the test shows up in your file.

When you are tested by the Department of Health it is completely free and nobody sees your results, but you and the person administering the test. It doesn't go to your doctor unless you request the information. This

makes it as close to anonymous as you can get.

The Department of Health also offers counseling before and after the test. If you turn up HIV positive, they give you support and all the information you need to get help.

They also give both female and male condoms if you stop by during testing hours. If you can't wait for every two weeks, drop by the campus clinic where they keep a supply of condoms for university students. Remember: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Take Bob University's case for example.

After a couple hours at the party, he notices a girl across the lawn who looked to him exactly like Sharon Stone. He swaggers over to her and says hello.

(Okay, he barely made it across the lawn and gave her his worst pick-up line.) But, she was also under the influence and found him to be charming.

Well, you know what happens next. Bob and Sharon head back to his place to look at his sketches. One thing leads to another. Sharon spends the night.

No one thought of protection in the heat of the moment. Not at all a good idea!

To say there was panic in the morning would be an understatement. They assured one another that they didn't have any diseases. Well, they didn't think so. Luckily, Bob and his partner tested clear. This time. They'll be sure to think about the consequences and use protection in the future.

University Profiles

Student from Bosnia makes mark on campus

by Lisa Robinson
Features Editor

Many of you take for granted that you can go home every weekend. When you are an international student, like Amir Sabanovic from Gorajde, Bosnia, home is too far to visit every weekend. Sabanovic is a Business Administration Major and Computer Science Minor. A major or minor doesn't define a person, however, neither does where they are from, but it might be what they have been through to get where they are.

Women on campus who may have admired that handsome mug and cute smile, Sabanovic possesses, have a couple people to thank for bringing him to Mansfield. Sabanovic says he first learned of Mansfield from Thomas Fuller, Ohio, and Pat Webb, Troy, PA who were in Bosnia on a relief mission.

"I spent five days with them as their translator," Sabanovic said. "They needed people and it was a great opportunity so I took it. They were great people, without them I wouldn't have been able to make it anywhere."

Sabanovic says Fuller took care of his accommodations when he came to the States last January. He says he planned to only stay six months in order to learn better English, but then he decided he wanted to attend college.

He added that Pat Webb set up a meeting for him with Financial Aid



A map of Bosnia

on campus, and found a way for him to stay and get a college education for less than he could in his own country.

Now, that he is staying here, Sabanovic says Webb, along with Cindy Crandly and Pat Hickock, from Sylvania, are like his surrogate families. He says he spent Thanksgiving with Hickock and had a wonderful time. All three families have told him he can come to stay with them whenever he wants.

Sabanovic says he would like to spend his Spring break in Ohio with Fuller, so he can see two of his friends from home who are now living near Fuller's home.

Sabanovic says he learned English, at first, by watching movies and then reading the dictionary on his own. He didn't have English classes at his school in Bosnia. He says when he

first came to the United States he only knew the basics of the English language, those words who could help find a bathroom and food. By taking classes here in the states, Sabanovic's English improved.

According to Sabanovic his hometown of Gorajde had a population of 45,000 before the war in Bosnia which drove many people out of the city and some out of the country. Sabanovic said the war lasted from 1992 until 1996. During that time he attended high school at Nikola Tesla. Because of the damage to the city and the school buildings themselves, across the city, many students consolidated into his high school. He says when he graduated he had approximately 30 students in his class.

Sabanovic said that he took the same classes any American student would have taken in high school, but that he didn't move from room to room like other students. He said only his professors changed, moving from classroom to classroom was too dangerous during the war.

"I had a very good friend who was hit in the head with shrapnel," Sabanovic said. "He was paralyzed by it and they had to send him to Italy."

In Bosnia, Sabanovic says they have school related sports like they do here in the States. He played soccer and also volleyball for his class. Here at Mansfield, he says he is involved in intramural volleyball and basketball.

Sabanovic still has family in Bosnia and at Christmas he visited them. He says his brother is 19 and will graduate from high school this year. Sabanovic says

he knows his brother wants to come here but adds that that probably won't happen. Instead his brother will be sent into the military.

In Bosnia it is expected that young men will enter the military after graduating from high school. Sabanovic says the usual requirement for time in the military is 10 months. During the war, however, it was longer and it was during this time, when he was 17 years old, that Sabanovic says he spent two and a half years in the army.

"My hometown was surrounded all of the time," Sabanovic said. "They needed more soldiers so I had to join. Usually you stay in ten months but under those circumstances it was different."

Sabanovic says he misses his brother and the fights they used to have before they went to bed. He also says his city hasn't changed much since he last saw it.

"A lot of it is destroyed still," he said. "The economic view is very difficult but it will start to look better in the coming years."

Sabanovic says he isn't sure how long he will stay in the States, that right now it is up in the air.

"Right now, I'm just really busy with classes," Sabanovic laughed. "I would like to stay but we will see what happens."

Look for more Mansfield features in future Flashlights

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our Flashlight Reviewers

Reviews

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Robinson at X4986 or submit to
217 Memorial Hall.

Just Another Girl on the I.R.T.: A coming of age film.

by Carl Madonna
staff reporter

"Just Another Girl on the I.R.T." is a stark vision of coming of age in New York City. This film is a wonderful depiction of the troubles that face today's youth. The story revolves around a young girl with the dreams of one day becoming a doctor. Shantel (Arryan Johnson) has to put up with the hassle of helping raise her two kid brothers, balance a job and school, and worry about being accepted to a college. Shantel's family is not wealthy and her father and mother constantly argue about their financial troubles.

Shantel has had a boyfriend for some time, yet now she wants to go a stray and meet someone new. She does, Tyrone (Kevin Thigpen) meets Shantel at a party and they somehow leave together that night. One thing leads to another and Tyrone and Shantel have unprotected sex. Shantel becomes pregnant and Tyrone naturally wants nothing to do with Shantel. Just another Girl with just another problem in New York City.

It now seems if Shantel's friends, family, and "boyfriend" have turned trier back on this troublesome child. Shantel is a very intelligent girl with clear ideologies and goals. She is so smart that her school may let her graduate after her junior year.

The "ghetto" mentality that controls many of Shantel's decisions have steered a bright future to a dead end.

Shantel's belly is getting bigger but no one notices the change in her figure. And if someone does notice the change in her appearance, well Shantel already figured that out. Late at night she goes into the refrigerator and throws alot of the leftovers away so it looks like she is eating alot late at night.

Tyrone persists Shantel to get an abortion and even gives her the \$500.00 dollars she needs to pay for the procedure. But again, Shantel gets sidetracked. Her and some friends go out and spend the money on a shopping spree at the mall. This furitates Tyrone and puts more distance between Shantel and Tyrone.

Neither one of these kids are ready for a child. Tyrone still lives with his mother and could not financially support a child. Shantel is also not able to support another mouth, and is not mature enough to make decisions for a child and herself. Yet with all the negatives staring this young couple in the face, they go through with the pregnancy.

One night while sleeping over Tyrone's, Shantel goes into labor. Neither Tyrone or Shantel know what to do. Shantel calls her friend from the sup-

port group and tells her of the problem. The problem is Shantel is only seven months pregnant.

No ambulance is available in her area, so Tyrone must deliver the baby himself.

After a long period of screaming a baby is delivered. Tyrone takes the baby and tells Shantel he is putting her in a trash heap. But the siren and precious look of his creation prevents him from committing such a foolish act. So the story ends with Shantel raising her child along with her two brothers, looking out for her family, and attending a community college to recover from her mistake.

This is the unfortunate real life story so many of our children are living. It takes one ill advised night to derail your life's ambition. This film by Leslie Harris has relieved alot of recognition and even won the Sundance Award. Leslie also won the award for best 1st Film.

Leslie Harris is among many of the black pioneers paving the way for tumors black directors. In 1821 Blacks made their first charge into the film and theater industry. The first African American to appear in the industry was James Brown. Yet the ignorant white landowners disturbed the black productions and enabled them to continue. Then Eugene O'Neil came along and opened some doors for the African Americans to walk through.

Marion Van Peebles and Spike Lee are just some of the directors that gave way to blacks in the film industry. Here is a list of films that have gave blacks recognition as wonderful actors and producers: 1981 "Will" by Jesse Mable, 1991 "Daughters of Dust" by Julie Dash, 1994 "Just Another Girl on the I.R.T." by Leslie Harris, 1995 "I Like It That," 1997 "Eve's Bayou" by Maya Angelou which grossed 14 plus million dollars.

Andrew Longoria, of the theater department, led the discussion before and after the film. Mr. Longoria offered a very detailed history of African Americans in their quest for prominence in films and theater. I must admit I thought that this presentation would be boring and uninteresting. Boy, was I wrong.

This film is an excellent illustration of many girls living without guidance from a strong father figure. Shantel lashes out and does not vent her frustrations in the proper ways. Many people will find this film to be interesting and fresh.

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Mondays

Hav Plenty: Writing about luv

by Darren DeVoue
staff reporter

"Hav Plenty" is the story of Lee Plenty (Chris Scott Cherot), a broke, homeless writer who is writing a love story. The object of Plenty's affection is the dynamic and sultry Havilland Savage (Chenoa Maxwell). What makes this movie so different is that you are actually watching it while it is being written. Cherot, who also wrote, produced and directed the movie, shares his story of chasing his dream as well as the woman of his

dreams. With bunches of light humor, the majority of which is supplied by Hav's outrageous friend Caroline (Tammi Katherine Jones), and Lee's sarcasm, "Hav Plenty" is the unmushy, undramatic love story. The film features cameos from Nia Long ("Love Jones"), Shemar Moore (Young and the Restless), Lauryn Hill, Mekhi Phifer ("Soul Food"), Chile (of TLC), and Babyface and Tracy Edmonds. The Edmonds were the executives for this film and "Soul Food". "Hav Plenty" is a perfect film to put you in that good mood and it's available for rental at Take Two Video downtown Mansfield.

Beloved: A Tale of Deliverance

by Wayne LaForme
staff reporter

Nearly one-hundred members of the student body and faculty attended the Film and Lecture series presentation of *Beloved*. This event was also part of the African American Arts Festival, which runs the entire month.

Beloved is a feature film directed by Jonathan Demme (*Philadelphia*, *Silence of the Lambs*), and based on the Pulitzer-Prize-winning novel by Toni Morrison. The film stars Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover.

The film is set a few years after the civil war in the outskirts of Ohio. It begins in a small home that is apparently haunted. Sethe a fugitive slave lives in side with her three children.

As the story unfolds things about Sethe's past are revealed and the hauntings intensify. Her friends and family all have to deal with the ghost and what it represents.

Beloved has recently been nominated for a Best-Costuming Oscar.

Rachel Portman's haunting score was created entirely without western instruments.

Jonathan Demme filmed large portions of the film in southern Pennsylvania.

The attending audience was lively during the showing, and left in lively discussion.

The Film & Lecture Series will be continuing on the 18th of March with the film *Mrs. Dalloway*. This next film is an adaptation of Virginia Woolf's 1925 novel. It stars Virginia Redgrave as Mrs. Dalloway, who is a high-society woman who is hosting a party later on that evening and who is venturing out to the town to buy flower for her party. It is being co-sponsored by the Women's Studies Program

On March 24th, the next of the lectures in the series will be held with Dr. Ann Mabe speaking on "Burial Mounds and Firepits: Results of the Mansfield-Volgograd Archaeological Research Exchange."

All movies are at 7 p.m. in Allen Lecture Hall and all lectures are at 4 p.m. in North Dining Hall.

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ATTENTION CLASS OF '99...YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

Whether you are graduating in May or December, it is now time to work together to leave your mark here at MU!! Participate in the SENIOR CLASS See a senior class committee member: Steve Winnie, Amanda Shull, Michele Hosey, Matt Fogg, Cherie Hessler, Paola Ciaravino, Melinda McCauley, Amy Pfleego, Christine Farrington, Michelle Haydt, Nicole Smith, or call x4296 for more information

REMEMBER....IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE SCHOOL THAT HAS GIVEN SO MUCH TO YOU!

TURKEY HUNTING IN THE SPRING

Presented by local hunter, Thomas Stich (Tom holds 8 grand slams, 5 Royal slams, and is one of only 35 hunters to archive the coveted World Slam)

THU FEB. 25 @ 7PM IN
204 MEMORIAL

Meeting with organization Presidents regarding the 8th Annual National Student Conference on Campus Sexual Violence. Thursday Feb. 25th, 1999 @ 8pm in Laurel b lounge. Questions? Call Steph x. 5804

MU Advocacy Video Series

3 p.m. Wednesday, March 3
112 Pine Crest

Breaking Silence
An Award-winning film on
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Applications for MU Scholarships

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An African American Arts Festival 1999 Event

Register for the 8th Annual National Student Conference on Campus Sexual Violence March 26-28, 1999. \$5 fee for students and faculty. Questions? Call Steph at x5804.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTS FESTIVAL 1999

Feb. 20-27: Art Exhibit: First Citizens National Bank

Feb. 21: Special Featured Artist-Reginald Fatherly

Exhibit and Reception: 2-4 p.m. in North Hall

Feb. 22: Nommo Performing Arts Company from PSU

7 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium

Feb. 23: "History of African American Artists"

Lecture by Dr. H. Carter and Dr. J. McGee at 7 p.m.
in Allen Hall 111.

Do you want to be a DJ? Why not join the crew of GIANT 89.5 FM!

Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the basement of Memorial

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The following movies will be playing this month at the MLK center

Feb. 19 African American Inventors

Feb. 22 Martin Luther King Non
Violent Resister

Feb. 23 That's Black Entertainment

Feb. 24 Caver man of Vision

Feb. 25 Eyes on the Prize

Feb. 26 The Blacks in White America

Show times

Mon. 10-4pm: Tue. 10-2pm;

Wed. 10-4pm; Thur. 10-3pm;

Fri. 10-4pm

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Are you a gay, lesbian or bisexual student that is in need of someone to talk to?

Do you have issues that involve your sexuality that you feel you need to express with someone, but just don't know where to turn to? **Family and Friends**, and a group of faculty and staff members have set up an Ally program on campus! The participants have agreed to place a sticker on their door signifying that they are willing to talk to students about issues concerning their sexual orientation. The sticker says, "**Open Minds...Open Doors**" and it has a rainbow design on it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

Family and Friends at the following e-mail address:

family_and_friends@yahoo.com

****Meetings are at 4 p.m. every Thursday in Pinecrest 120 (Women's Center)****

Does your organization want to place an ad on the electronic message board in Manser? Submit a typed message including a contact person's name and phone number.

Messages will run for a two week period, unless other arrangements are made. Drop messages off at the SAO office in Memorial Hall.

TAIN JIN ACROBATS OF CHINA

**Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in
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Mansfield University Theatre proudly presents Sister Amnesia's County Western Nonsense Jamboree. It is the third installment in the series by Dan Goggin. A follow-up to the previous Broadway hits Nonsense and Nonsense II where we meet the eccentric nuns of the little sisters of Hoboken.

Nonsense Jamboree is directed by Theatre Professor Michael Crum. Musical Direction is given by Dr. Yungsuk Kim of the MU Music Department. This isn't their first experience with the zany sisters of Hoboken, in 1991 they presented Nonsense to sold out audiences.

The show's namesake, Amnesia, is being played by senior Laurie Toole. Laurie, a Music Therapy major, may be familiar from her past appearances on the MU stage. Most recently in Godspell and Moon Over Buffalo.

The spirited nun from Brooklyn, Robert Anne, is played by newcomer Brandi Duso. Brandi is a junior Music Education major here at Mansfield. Although this is her first time on the MU stage, she is a natural who captures the essence of her troublesome character.

Novice Sister Mary Lee is played by junior Carrie Miller. Another newcomer, Miller is a Music Education Major and portrays the young nun with zest and warmth.

Michele Manduchi, a Music Therapy Major, takes on the part of Sister Mary Wilhelm, super-independent of nursing who is the tours strict chaperone. Michele, a senior, would win the respect of ruler toting nuns everywhere. She has appeared in the past productions Guys and Dolls and Phantom.

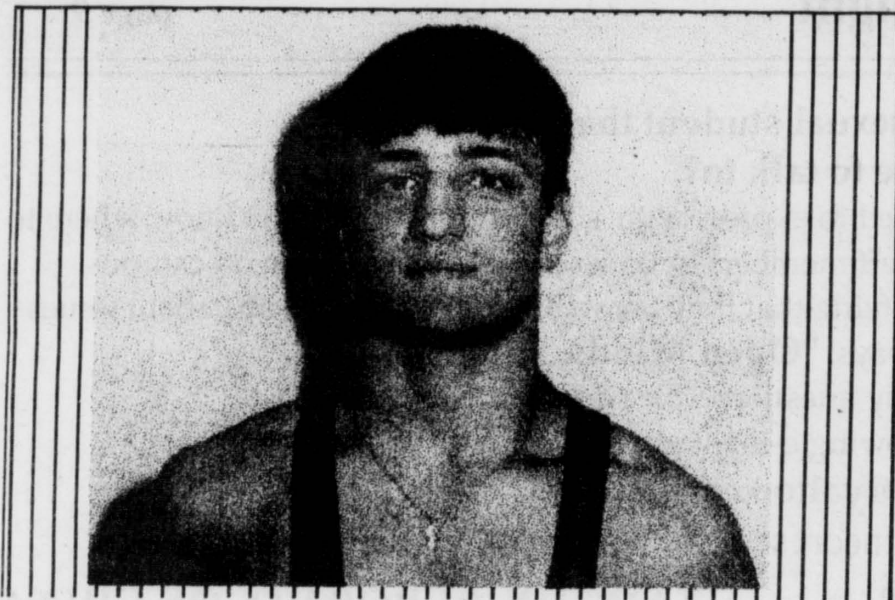
Nonsense Jamboree will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 25 through Saturday, February 27 in Straughn Auditorium. There will also be a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance at the MU Box Office. Adults are \$5; Sr. Citizen's are \$4; and MU Students are \$2 (with I.D.). Call the box office at 662-4781 for reservations.

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Jason Bainey
athlete of the week : wrestler
takes a 9-0 win at 157lb against top ranked Pitt Johnstone

Wrestlers suffer 46-4 loss to Pitt-Johnston.

Special.....

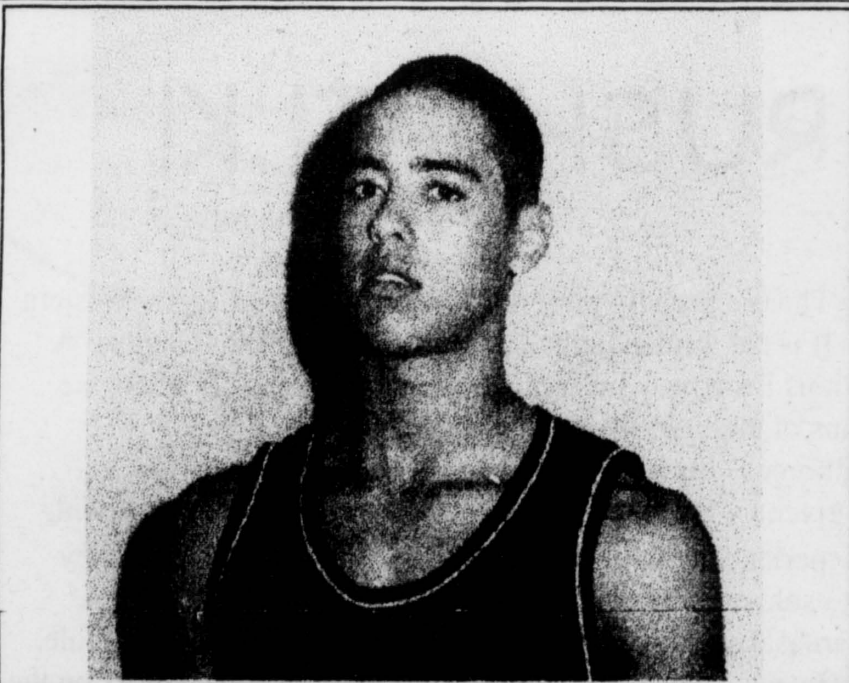
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However after that it was all Pitt-Johnston at the Mountain Cars who won two decision and posted two falls before Mansfield forfeited the final four weight classes.

The loss drops the Mountaineers to 1-8 on the season. They travel to Gannon University for the final regular season match on Saturday.



Men's PSAC East Rookie of the Week

Mansfield- Mansfield University freshman forward Alex Goodman has been named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Eastern Division Rookie of the week for this outstanding performance during the week ending 2/12/99.

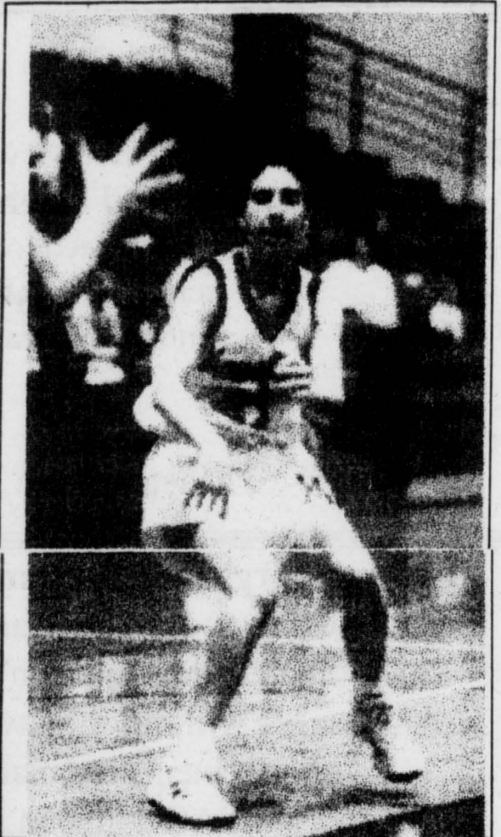
Goodman (New Freedom/Susquehannock) came off the bench to average 10.5 points and 2.5 rebounds per game including a team high 15 points in a loss at Bloomsburg University.

For the season the 6-5 forward is averaging 4.4 points and 1.5 rebounds per game..

Buss Leads Womens Basketball

Freshman guard Allyson Buss from (Nazareth/Notre Dame) was named all Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Eastern Rookie of the week for her outstanding play during the week ending 2/13/99.

The 5-7, Buss led the Mountaineers to a 2-1 record during the week, averaging 16.7 points, 3.0 assists, along with 2.7 rebounds and steals per game. In addition, she connected on 16-30 (53%) of her attempts from the field including 5-9 (55.6%) 3-point attempts. Buss also made 13-16 (81.3%) free throws over the three game span. For the season, Buss leads the team in scoring with a 10.5 points per game average and is second on the team in assists with 56 and third in steals with 35.



Allyson Buss takes a pass in the Mountaineers win over East Stroudsburg. PSAC East Rookie of the week for the third time this season



Women Tracksters Qualify for ECAC Meet



Colleen Ryder 800 2:27.45



Kelly Maines Long Jump

Record Setting Women

Kelly Maines - broke 7-year-old record 4ft.88
Nichole Beckel broke Sherry Candy's Record in 3000m 11:10:37
Kim Carman Pole vault broke own record 7'8
Women's 4X4 Maines, Ryder, Williams, Carman

Come join the Flashlight Sports Staff.
We are in need of reporters for all types of Mountaineer sporting events.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Feb 20
Swimming at PSAC

Women's B-Ball at
Millersville 6pm

Feb 20
Men's B-Ball at Millersville
8pm
Wrestling at Gannon U 2pm
i) track at Cornell University

Feb 26/27
Wrestling NCAA's

March 6
(i) Track ECAC at Lehigh
Baseball - St. Louis

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M.U. MEN STUMBLE At SECOND HALF 86-75 LOSS AT CHEYNEY —

STEVE SHANNON POST 17TH DOUBLE-DOUBLE OF THE YEAR WITH 18 POINTS AND 10 REBOUNDS

CHEYNEY, PA —

Eric Evans scored a game high 35 points to lead Cheyney University to a 86-75 win over Mansfield University in PSAC East men's basketball Saturday afternoon. The Mountaineers struggled early, trailing 16-4 just five minutes into the game but rallied to cut the score to 34-31 at intermission.

But Cheyney came out strong in the second half behind Evans who scored 27 of his 35 points over the final 18 minutes of play.

Mansfield was led by senior Steve Shannon (Fairview/Fairview) and freshman Damar Lopez (York/William Penn) with 18 points each. Shannon posted his 17th double-double of the season with 10 rebounds while the 18 points were a season high for Lopez. Damar's older brother Damoun had 11 points. The Mountaineers were playing without the services of leading scorer Tommy Harvey who was serving a one game suspension because of a violation of team rules.

The physical game had 51 fouls and 73 foul shots between the two teams with Mansfield connecting on just 26-42 from the line.

The loss dims the Mountaineers slim playoffs playoff hope with a 3-7 PSAC East mark and 9-15 overall. Mansfield would have to win their final two games, include Wednesday night's final home game against fourth place Kutztown while Kutztown would have to lose their final two games, to have any chance of earning a spot in the PSAC playoffs.

M.U. WRESTLERS Setback 46-4

JASON BAINEY TAKES 9-0 WIN AT 15

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Crawford sets records in three events

ITHACA, NY —

Lamar Crawford (Philadelphia/Dobbins Tech), who had placed in three other events, set a new school record in the 55 high hurdles with a time of 8.03.

Lamar Crawford took three top three finishes including second place in the triple jump with a school record effort of 45-7 3/4 at the Robert J. Kane Invitational at Cornell University Saturday. Crawford, a sophomore from Philadelphia, was second to Sean Nicoll of Syracuse who had a winning leap of 46-9. Crawford was also third in the long jump (22-2 1/2) and high jump (6-5) in a meet that included NCAA Division I schools such as Syracuse, Cornell, Colgate, and the University of Buffalo.

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M.U. Women DOWN CHEYNEY 73-60 —

special...

ALLYSON BUSS AND TRACY MOSER EACH SCORE 16 WIN GIVES MU MOST CONFERENCE VICTORIES SINCE 1993-94.

In all, the young Mountaineers have won the honor five out of the nine reporting dates. Mansfield, which was just 1-25 last season, improved to 6-18 overall with the 2-1 week. It also marks the first time since the 1993-94 campaign the Mountaineers have won three PSAC East games in a season.

CHEYNEY, PA — Tracy Moser (Lancaster/McCaskey) and Allyson Buss (Nazareth/Notre Dame) scored 16 points apiece to lead Mansfield University to a 73-60 win over Cheyney University in women's PSAC East basketball Saturday afternoon.

After trailing for the first ten minutes of the game, the Mountaineers took the lead for good when Moser hit a lay-up with 8:00 left to play in the first half for a 19-17 lead.

Mansfield would increase that lead to 31-19 late in the first half, before Cheyney rallied to cut the lead to 34-28 at intermission.

Cheyney would close the gap to 38-36 with 17:23 to go in the second half, but Mansfield went on a 23-6 run over the next eight minutes to take a 61-42 lead at the 9:21 mark.

The win was the third in their last four games for the improving Mountaineers and improves their PSAC East mark to 3-7. It is the most conference victories for the MU women since going 5-7 in PSAC play in 1993-94.

Jennifer Nichols (East Smithfield/Athens) added 13 points for Mansfield while Marrie DuBose and Kiara Hampton each had 16 for Cheyney (5-17, 0-9).

Mansfield improves to 6-18 on the season and will host Kutztown University Wednesday evening in the final home game of the season.

MANSFIELD (6-18, 3-7 PSAC EAST)
Martin 3 0-0 6; Nichols, H 3 3-4 9; Moser 6 2-7 16; Nichols, J 6 0-2 13; Buss 4 8-10 16; Doherty 3 0-0 6; Tyler 3 0-0 7 TOTALS: 28 13-25 73 CHEYNEY (7-16, 0-11 PSAC East) DuBose 5 6-8 16; Lee 2 0-2 5; Hampton 5 6-8 16; Martin 1 0-0 2; Mosley 2 2-6 6; Smith 4 0-0 8; McNeil 2 3-4 7; TOTALS: 21 17-28 60 3-Pointers: MU - Moser 2, J. Nichols, Tyler; CU - Lee Halftime: MU 34 CU 28

MU MILK WEEK IS COMING.... Are you Ready?

3/1/99 Milk Chugging Contest	5-5:30 p.m.	Manser Dining
Milk Trivia	5:30-6 p.m.	Manser Dining
3/2/99: Milk Balloon Toss	12:30 p.m.	South Hall Mall
Pudding Eating Contest	5-5:30 p.m.	Manser Dining
3/3/99: Milk Mustache Look Out	12-1 p.m.	Manser Dining
Milk and Cookie Night	9-10 p.m.	Manser Dining
3/4/99: Mr. & Mrs. Milk Pageant	8-9 p.m.	Straughn Aud.
Cereal Night	9-10 p.m.	Manser Dining

Look in next weeks Flashlight for more information....

March 7th

(i) Track ECAC at Lehigh

Baseball

* Salem- Teikyo College

* New Hampshire college

March 8th

Baseball Jamestown Colg.

March 9th

Baseball Kentucky, Wesleyan

March 10th

Baseball Ashland University (OH)

Mansfield University observes A.I.D.S. week

by Carl Madonna
staff reporter

Do you know someone that is infected with the HIV virus? Do you know someone that has died due to this uncontrollable virus? Chances are that you do not. Would you consider yourself a friend of someone infected by this plague? Again, chances are you would not. Why? Is it because you heard something on the news that depicted these people as a hazard to your own well being? Is it because your parents warned you about people like this? The reason people make crude and uneducated statements about other people is the result of pure ignorance. Do not judge anyone without knowing all the facts about that person.

This display of ignorance is seen everyday on our campus. You may not realize it, but we ridicule people everyday and we don't even know it. We may make fun of the way they dress or the way they talk. Individuality is the single most splendid feature this world has to offer. Think about it, 7 or more, billion people on earth, and every single one of us is different. That is simply amazing.

When we see a cancer patient or someone living with a fatal disease, we should open my heart to them. Imagine living everyday not knowing that you will wake up tomorrow. It takes a person of sheer courage and integrity to live with a virus that will someday claim their life. Deb Casey, head of Campus Ministry, said, "AIDS is not some-

thing that happens to other people in other places, it happens to people we know and in the community that we call home."

use a condom. It is that simple. If you are one of those people who says, "Condoms ruin the plea-

sponsoring many of the events that will revolve around AIDS week on our campus. This annual project is intended to make the community aware of HIV and the possibility that anyone can come in contact with it. "We want to educate people that HIV infected individuals are not a hazard to our health," said Casey. In fact the only ways to become infected with the HIV virus are as follows: (1) unprotected sex, (2) intravenous drug use, and (3) transfer of bodily fluids. What is most astounding is most people know a great deal about HIV and the AIDS epidemic, they just don't practice the measures to avoid them.

On Thursday, March 4, students on campus will paint their faces white in memorial of those infected with this virus, or of people that have died due to AIDS. For more information on the events surrounding AIDS Awareness Week, contact Deb Casey at (570) 662-4431.

When we spoke to Gale Silver of the Tioga County Women's Coalition she had the following startling statistics to add. For our district, 377 males have been diagnosed with full blown AIDS. 96 women also have been declared as having AIDS in its final and most devastating form. HIV is now occurring in individuals from the ages of 15-25. "We have to establish education programs to make our kids aware of HIV and how this disease is transmitted," said Silver.

Carmen Bianco said, "A vast majority of students do not use mainline drugs. Yet while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, students don't think before having sex." Bacchus/Gamma peer education network will once again sponsor the "Safe Spring Break" program. This program attempts to remind students that even though they are going to be away from campus, safety must take a top priority. "Whether you are going to Cancun, Fla., or Sellingsgrove, Penn., don't forget to take safety measures for during sex, or intermixing alcohol with your plans," said Bianco. For more information regarding the "Safe Spring Break" program, contact Carmen Bianco at (570) 662-4934.

Mrs. Casey is correct. AIDS does not care who you are, AIDS could strike at any time. How do you become vulnerable to AIDS? You all know how AIDS is transmitted. If you don't, then read this carefully. If you are having unprotected sex, STOP! And if you are reading this you are most likely a college student with dreams and aspirations. Is sex really worth throwing your whole life away?

If you are having sex,

sure of sex,"

you need to wake up and get real. Are those few minutes of "pleasure" worth risking everything you've worked your whole life for? Even if you do not come in contact with the HIV virus, you still run the chance of becoming a parent. The cons out-weigh the pros in this debate.

The service organization, Sigma, will be



SIGMA celebrates A.I.D.S. Week Feb 27- March 4

Saturday Feb. 27 8pm *In the Gloaming* at the Hut

Sunday Feb. 28 7:30pm Candlelighting service in South Hall Mall

Monday March 1 3:30pm Peggy Hayes "Faces of A.I.D.S." in 204 Memorial Hall

Tuesday March 2 3:30pm Dr. Steve Brown "How safe is MU campus?" in North Dining

Wednesday March 3 7:30pm Jenn Codd "Prevention" in Laurel B lounge

Thursday March 4 Students will be painting their faces white to symbolize those who have died from or who are suffering from A.I.D.S.

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University rejects WNTE's proposal for upgrades

by: **Kimberly Sapone**
editor-in-chief

WNTE received news this week that the upgrades they have been waiting for will not be happening after all. After years of anticipation and numerous talks with administration, a proposal to increase the station's wattage has been rejected by the university.

The reason that the station was given for the rejection was that their on-air quality was not good enough to broadcast to distances as far as Williamsport and Elmira.

A new transmitter has already been purchased by the station through the Student Activities funds, and now it must be resold. Over the past four years, WNTE has been paying Student Activities back approximately \$2,000 a year.

This means that they have only paid back \$8,000 on the transmitter that cost the university about \$20,000.

The cost at which the transmitter will be resold will be lower than the price it was purchased for, leaving the Student Activities fund and the students at a loss.

Reactions at the station are pretty much unanimous: disappointment. The university is trying to make up for the loss, however, by renovating WNTE's studios.

They will be occupying the entire basement floor of South Hall when the new Student Union building is built. The studios will then be put in as part of the tour route for incoming communication students.

"I am disappointed that we did get rejected, but what we are getting in exchange will benefit us more in the long run," says WNTE's general manager Ryan

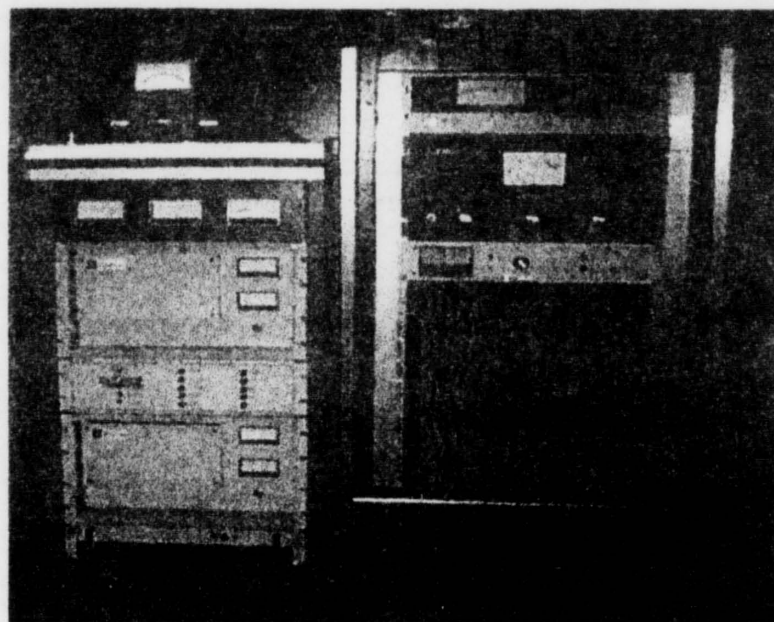


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The transmitter that is currently being used by WNTE, Giant 89.5

Knepp.

Sales Director David Storey says that he can also agree with the university's decision to reject the proposal based on what the radio station broadcasts. Storey, being Sales

Director sees what the community and the businesses downtown think of the station when he goes to try to sell advertisements.

He also expresses concern for the students of Mansfield University.

"My main problem is students are being cheated here," Storey says.

WNTE's advisor Dr. Priscilla Travis is also trying to be understanding about this setback despite the disappointment.

"Administration had no choice because we can't guarantee 24 hour quality," she says. "It is hard for there to be consistency when staff is constantly changing."

All plans are not forgotten though. The station can hope to upgrade in the future if they can get their broadcasting quality up to the standard where it should be.

For now, the station will continue broadcasting at 150 watts. Their current broadcast distance is about 15 miles in any direction

MU wrestling coach retiring

by: **Lisa Robinson**
features editor

It has been a long journey for Coach Henry "Hank" Shaw. For 33 years he has coached and shaped wrestlers here at Mansfield University. At the end of this semester Shaw will leave the path he has been on for so long and travel to a new one of fishing and golfing and reading and most of all retirement.

Shaw recently announced that he would retire from his position as head wrestling coach at Mansfield University leaving many wondering what the future of wrestling here at Mansfield is, but most importantly leaving many, including Shaw, reflecting on the coaches career here.

"I've seen this university change a lot since I first came here," Shaw said. "Most importantly I've seen its development from a state college to a university. When I first came it was just known as a state college. Manser and Cedarcrest didn't exist as well as other buildings. I have just seen a tremendous growth in buildings as well as the student population."

Shaw has had a successful run as Mansfield's

wrestling coach and at the end of his career it is obvious he has had the best record of any coach in the program over the years. Shaw ends his career with a 160-310-8 dual meet record. During his career Shaw coached nine wrestlers who have achieved All-American honors, and he also placed a wrestler on the Academic All-American team in five of the last eight years.

Shaw has been involved in wrestling on the local, state, regional and national level since the early 1950's. Shaw himself wrestled at Philipsburg High School and also had a standout college career in soccer, track, and wrestling at Lock Haven.

Shaw graduated from Lock Haven in 1959 with a B.S. in health and physical education. Following graduation Shaw joined the U.S. Army where he won two national wrestling championships. He received his M.A. from Ithaca in 1969. Shaw says he has also completed all the courses necessary for his doctorate at the George Peabody College for Teachers (a division of Vanderbilt University) but has never completed his dissertation to receive his Ph.D in curriculum development and evaluation.

"I didn't see that the dissertation was necessary since I learned all the course work,"

Shaw said. "I did the oral and written tests, I just didn't do the dissertation. I wasn't interested in it."

Following retirement, Shaw says he hopes to improve his golf game and also do some boat fishing and traveling.

"I'm sure if I get bored my wife will find something for me to do," Shaw laughed.

He added that his wife Marylou has been thinking of retiring but would like to stay on a couple of more years before joining her husband in retirement. Shaw said he is sure he will miss coaching after all is said and done.

"It is going to be difficult not being able to get as close to young people through coaching," Shaw said. "One of the reasons I got into the business was to try to help some young people have some of the opportunities I had, to be able to go to school and get a degree."

Shaw's last match was held Friday, February 12 at Decker Gymnasium. This weekend the team will travel to Pitt-Johnstown for the NCA Division II East Regional Tournament.

New musical opens starring country western nuns

by: **Jenna Rawa**
staff reporter

Tuesday, February 25 was opening night for "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree". This is the third production for this year. As the third in the Nunsense series, Sister Amnesia, played by senior Music Therapy major Laurie J. Toole, is at it again with her team from Hoboken, New Jersey.

While on tour with Sister Mary Wilhelm, played by Michele Manduci, Sister Robert Anne, played by Brandi A. Duso, Sister Mary Leo, played by Carrie B. Miller, and Father Virgil Trott, played by J. Scott Shade, Sister Amnesia is waiting to hear about her new sponser that is being searched for by her Revered Mother. The Reverend Mother makes no appearance throughout the play, although she calls on the sister's cell phone several times. Reverend Mother's voice is supplied by Peggy Chilson who played the same part in MU's Nunsense I in 1991.

Sister Amnesia's band ac-

companied her onstage in a barn. The band included Elsabet Haile, Matthew Kanon, Robert Humphrey, Zane Seubert, Les Fowler, and Pat Davis and was directed Dr. Youngsuk Kim. Included in the antics quite nicely, the band played songs from Sister

Amnesia's new record entitled, "I could've gone to Nashville", as well as a tribute to Patsy Kline, and songs to help the audience get to know the characters.

"Nunsense Country Jamboree" was directed and designed by theater professor Michael Crum and is playing for the rest of the weekend. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. are the remaining times and is being held in Straughn Auditorium. Tickets are four dollars, 2 with a MU student ID and can be reserved by calling 4781. The play will provide you with a humorous 2 hours to end the month.

YeeHaw!

Art exhibit featuring the work of Reginald Fatherly on display

by: Holly Blyler
staff reporter

In honor of Black History month, there is a collection of acrylic and watercolor paintings by Reginald Fatherly on exhibit on February 15 through April 2, in North Hall Gallery.

Fatherly is a former graduate of Mansfield University, receiving both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Art Education. Presently he teaches art in the Williamsport Area School District.

Most of Fatherly's art is painted from a realistic perspective - that is painted as we see it within nature. His subject matter consists of familiar things such as still lifes of fruit,

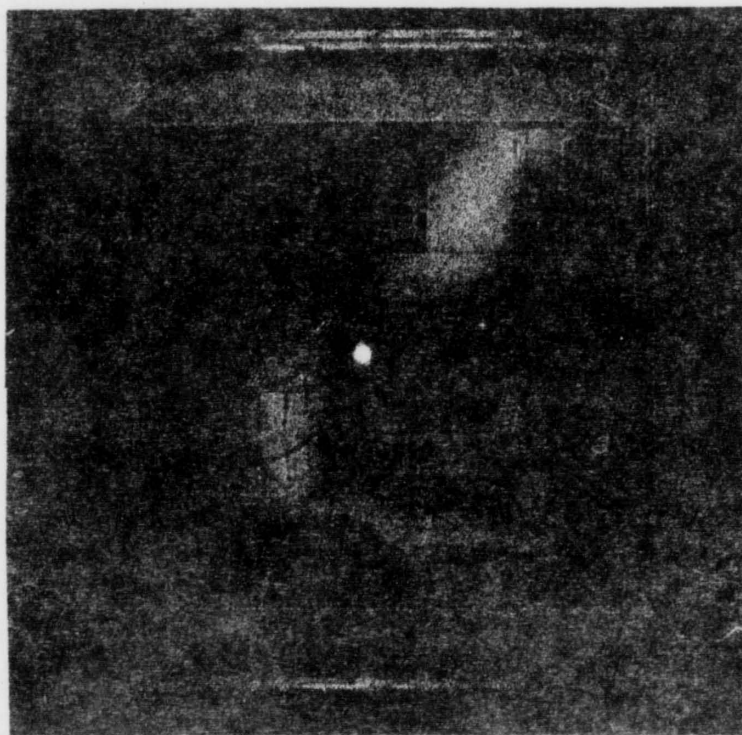


photo by: Holly Blyler

The works of Fatherly can be seen in the Gallery until April 2nd. This painting is titled "Temperment of Ripeness".

landscapes, and portraits of people.

Whether or not you are involved in the art world, it is easy to see that Fatherly is a master at his technique. His paintings contain various color schemes as well as lights and darks. He also uses texture that are hard to achieve unless you are proficient in working with the different types of medium.

His use of colors are warm and rich in the areas where he suggests light. Red, orange, and yellow are colors that were almost always on his pallet. Balancing out his compositions the shadow colors were typically that of blues, greens, browns, and purples that sometimes ran very deep. Fatherly's contrasts of light and dark are often dramatic, sug-

gesting a certain mood, or moodiness about his work. His subjects are mostly singular, like in his work "Temperment of Ripeness", where a single basket of fruit sits in a doorway, as a single beam of light illuminates part of the basket while the background is mysteriously in shadow. There seems to be a certain feeling of isolation in his work that reflects the mood of loneliness or maybe an absolute solitude. Whatever the case may be, he definitely captures his audience's attention through use of color, light, dark, and composition. This is an exhibit you don't want to miss!

The North Hall Gallery is on the first floor of the library and is open from 8-4 daily.

MU forensics wins awards

by: Carl Madonna
staff reporter

The Mansfield University Forensic Team took home a team trophy as the sixth best university at the state tournament held at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

MU individual wins included a 6th place finish for Karen Holgate in Dramatic Interpretation, a 5th place win for Brian Morral and Darren DeVoue in the Dramatic Duo. This is the first "final" win for Morral who joined the team in January '99.

What is especially important about the 6th place win is that every single person on the team must be contributing during the preliminary rounds for the team to receive a trophy. The team includes The Flashlight's own Darren DeVoue, Karen Holgate, and Leah Phillips, also Angie Balch, Keith Hickox, Robin

Thomas, Brian Morral, Drew Pickney, and Kari Weller.

This is Mansfield's novice year of competition against other schools. Many of the competitors from the other universities were in their final semester of competition; this means that most of these students had been competing for 3 or 4 years. Although MU did not have many individual trophies at this tournament, the 6th place Team Trophy indicates that the entire team is placing well during preliminary rounds. MU's total for all individual and team trophies for seven tournaments attended during the regular season was thirty-eight.

The MU Forensic Team will be traveling to Ypsilanti, Michigan (Eastern Michigan University) for the National Forensic Tournament. Traveling dates are April 13 through the 20th. "By becoming a member of the Forensic's Team, your speaking and writing skills intensify," said Dr. Sharon Carrish, Director of Fo-

rensicis here at MU.

From talking with Dr. Carrish, I found that this team is based solely on the team aspect. There is no star on this squad. Every member of the team has worked together toward one specific goal. "Joining the Forensics Team means that you will get a sense of Self-Esteem, Time Management, Sportsmanship, and a Competitive Spirit," said Carrish.

During the Annual PA Forensic Coaches meeting, Dr. Sharon A. Carrish was unanimously elected President of the Pennsylvania State Individual Events Association. Her duties began with the start of this tournament. Congratulations!!!

Any student interested in joining the MU Forensic Team should attend the "Forensic Interest Meeting" planned for early April. Watch the Flashlight and the C.A.N. for the date and time. All majors are welcome. For more information contact Dr. Carrish at 662-4371.

Nommo Dance Group at MU

by: Leah Phillips
staff reporter

On Monday, Feb. 22, the Nommo Dance Group from Penn State University gave a phenomenal performance in front of a crowd of 40 at Steadman Theater. With a total of five drums, two cowbells, and eight high-energy dancers, the performance stirred the audience to watch closely for the story being told.

As one of the male dancers, there were three, introduced each separate dance, he also explained a little of the story about the dance and gave its origin. The first dance that was performed, Damba, a festival dance from West Africa that is usually performed for celebrations. The dancers looked happy as they danced, but more so their movements were light and gave to the image of happiness.

The second dance, which was actually a three-in-one combination, brought the movement of slaves to life. The first dance, London, was performed by three of the women who were dressed in white. The dance was a solemn procession where the women were captured for enslavement. The largest bass drum was a symbol of the whips they encountered. The second dance, Malekan, was performed by three men also dressed in white. The men symbolized the warriors looking for the women in order to save them from enslavement. The movements used by the men were along the lines of martial arts. The third and final part of this dance was Wolosadon where all dancers took part. It was a celebration dance

for saving the women from the evils of slavery. The celebration was complete with happy yips from the women dancers.

The drummers then gave a performance, which allowed a break the dancers to regain their breath.

Soba was the next dance. It is performed for the bride before her wedding. All the unwed females of the tribe do this particular dance to promote fertility. The dancers were wearing their bright costumes for this dance, that not only lead to the happiness of the ceremony, but to the bright future that the new wife has ahead of her.

The last dance that was performed was Kouko. The youths of a tribe usually perform this dance to celebrate harvests, and flirt with one another. It is the "all purpose" dance. All eight dancers took part in this dance wearing their bright colored costumes. It was one of the happiest dances they performed.

After all of the scheduled dances were done, the dancers invited audience members down onto the stage to learn different steps and movements. About 20 or so people took advantage of the offer. After ten minutes or so of having fun learning from the dancers, the program was completed with numerous thank-you's to and from the dancers. Overall, the program was a great look to the rich history of the African American.

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Milk week is coming

by: **Liz Visotski**
staff reporter

Milk week will descend upon Mansfield University March 1 to March 4. Are you ready?

In a project sponsored by Mansfield's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, Bridgette Maney, Charles Kepner, Jill Mancini, Bree Flamini, Carrie O'Donnell and Bridget Wagner are orchestrating the week long series of events to raise awareness of the advantages of milk, to increase consumption, and to try and get involvement from as many people on campus as possible.

The students involved are all public relations majors who are implementing the skills learned in their PR classes to brainstorm, organize ideas, and plan the events.

"This is a great opportunity to put my skills to work," said Bridget Wagner, "I am learning so much about about working

with people, organization special events, and meeting deadlines."

The campaign is a contest organized by Rolling Stone magazine and is open to students nationwide. The grand prize is an internship for four students in New York City.

According to Bridgette Maney, the activities will take place during meal times on campus, and will include a pudding eating contest, a milk and cookie night, milk trivia, and Mr. and Mrs. Milk Pageant. Aramark will be donating the milk products and cookies, and local organizations such as Poppa V's, Pizza Hut, and Wal-mart will be donating prizes.

Organizations that are helping out with the campaign are ASA, AST, ZTA, KKY, FBL, FSP, PRSSA, Mountaineer Television Productions, and members of the sports teams. Staff members from WNTF will DJ the various events that occur during the dinner hours in Manser. They will be partici-

pating in the various events and getting pictures taken with milk mustaches.

Are you ready for Milk Week? The following is a list of activities and times for the events:

- 3/1/99 Milk Chugging Contest
- 5-5:30 Manser Dining Milk Trivia
- 5:30-6 Manser Dining
- 3/2/99 Milk Balloon Toss
- 12:30 South Hall Mall Pudding Eating Contest
- 5-5:30 Manser Dining
- 3/3/99 Milk Mustache Campaign
- 12-1 Manser Dining Milk and Cookie Night
- 9-10pm Manser Dining
- 3/4/99 Mr. & Mrs. Milk Pageant
- 8-9pm Manser Dining Cereal Night
- 9-10pm Manser Dining

MU teachers retiring

by: **Anji Nolan**
staff reporter

As Mansfield turns a different leaf with a new president and starts a new beginning with new faculty members, we have to say goodbye to the professors leaving Mansfield University: the professors who have influenced us in so many different ways. We need to thank them for sharing their time, knowledge, and experience with us. Too bad most students will not appreciate what has been done for them until they are out in the "real world."

Mrs. Lorraine Farr, Assistant Director of Human Resources, provided the list of professors who have already submitted their resignation. This includes Dr. Kathleen Hindman, Professor of English, who came to Mansfield in 1967. She is retiring due to frustration with changes in the educa-

tion system. She feels she will not be able to stay in the system long enough to reverse any of these changes. Professor Mike Leiboff, the department head of Communications said, "Wheeu, a sigh of relief" when asked about his retirement. He has been here since 1968. Professor David Iovino who taught Spanish for the Foreign Language department since 1967 and Professor Wellington Engel in the Math and Computer Science department are also retiring at the end of the Spring '99 semester.

Executive Secretary, Ms. Mary Lou Stroud, added faculty members Richard Heck, retired July 1st from the Education department and Mr. Shui-Hsien Pien, retired in the fall from the library facility as well as Director of Academic Advising, Enrico Serince.

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Friday, February 26, 1999

Editorial

I know that most of you have really missed reading our editorials, so now that I have time and a little space to write, I am trying to catch up for the last few weeks. The first thing I want to say is hello. Once again, the editor-in-chief position has changed hands. I just want you all to know that I am doing my best to keep up with the new standards of quality you expect from your campus newspaper. We may have small problems and mistakes every now and then, and all we ask of you is to cut us a little slack - please know that we are doing the best we can.

I also want to tell all of you who might have noticed that last week we had a lot of letters to the editor that we really do appreciate hearing from you about how we are doing. Without your input, we wouldn't know what you want to see in your paper, and that is exactly what the *Flashlight* is: YOUR paper. So, please, keep those letters coming. We really do care about what your thoughts are about us, the campus, and just life in general.

Onto other subjects. I feel like I have a lot to catch up on! Can you believe that Spring Break is only one week away? I don't know if the semester is flying by as fast for you as it is for me, but I can't believe that it is almost time to get mid-term grades. I hope that no matter what you are doing for this break, whether it be relaxing on an exotic beach or just catching up on a little rest at home in your own bed (like me), you have a great time, and just remember to be safe. We want everyone back to read the next issue of the *Flashlight*, which will be out on Friday, March 19th.

Harrisburg internship details omitted from article

TO THE EDITOR:

Your front page article on the Harrisburg Internship Semester (THIS) program failed to mention several vital bits of information: that it is open to students in any academic major with a QPA of 3.0+, that it pays \$4,000 for the semester (fall or spring), that I am the campus coordinator, and that the deadline for application for fall is March 5th.

The purpose of the program is to showcase our best students while

giving them a professional experience of the highest quality. We place them in legislative offices and governmental agencies where they can polish their skills and make important contacts.

Interested students should contact me immediately (ext. 4773) if they want to be considered for this fall.

Dr. Richard Feil
Coordinator

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THIS

The following Women's Arts and Culture Events are free and open to the public

Wednesday, March 3- 7:30 p.m. - Women's Documentary Films Night in the Women's Center, 102 Pinecrest

"The Films of Jane Campion"

"Guerrillas in Our Midst" - by Amy Harrison

"Gotta Make This Journey: Sweet Honey in the Rock"

Thursday, March 18- 7:00 p.m. - Mrs. Dalloway in Allen Hall, co-sponsored with University Film Series. Discussion will follow the film.

Monday, March 22/ 25- M.U. Women's Art Show in Women's Center, 120 Pinecrest (Anyone interesting in submitting a work should contact Bonnie Kutbay. The deadline is two weeks before the show.)

Tuesday, March 30- 7 p.m. in the Women's Center, 120 Pinecrest. Lecture by PA N.O.W. President, Barbara DiTullio, "Young Activists: Up Against It All The Time," Co-sponsored by the Tioga County N.O.W. Refreshments will be served.

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The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. We encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

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Spring Commencement Announcement

The Spring Commencement Exercise will be held on Saturday, May 8 at 11 a.m. on Karl Van Norman Field. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Decker Gym.

Mansfield University employees who wish to present diploma cases to their graduating spouse or child should notify Mary Lou Stroud immediately.

Academic attire orders for faculty, staff and Masters candidates must be placed with the Campus Bookstore no later than March 26. Undergraduate candidates, and Music Therapy certificate recipients are not re-

quired to order academic attire-the Campus Bookstore will have their regalia which may be picked up after April 16.

Superior academic achievement at the undergraduate level is acknowledged as follows:

1.) To receive honors recognition at Commencement, a Bachelor's Degree candidate must have completed a minimum of 45 credit hours at Mansfield University prior to the final semester and earned the necessary quality point average for all credits earned at Mansfield University as follows:

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3.) To receive honors recognition at Commencement, an Associate's Degree student

must have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at Mansfield University prior to the final semester and earned 3.50-4.00 quality point average for all credits earned at Mansfield University.

4.) To graduate with honors and to have that designation recorded on the student's permanent record, an Associate's Degree student must have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at Mansfield University and earned the 3.50-4.00 quality point average for all credits earned at Mansfield University.

Potential graduates are encouraged to contact the

Records Office, South Hall Room 112 regarding their graduation and/or honors eligibility status. The Commencement Program will include the level of Honors achievement. The Herald also acknowledges Honors recipients.

Honors determination is based on the semester prior to the final semester. Commencement information will be mailed to faculty, administrative personnel and graduates in early March. Participants who need further information may contact Mary Lou Stroud, Room 512 North Hall or call 662-4355.

Phi Beta Lambda News

by: Nicole Canale

Phi Beta Lambda is the National Business Fraternity. There are currently twenty-five active brothers. This semester our rush week was held from February 8th to the 12th. We now have eleven pledges who are making a great impression and working hard. Keep up the good work!

We recently conducted a Valentine's Day raffle fund raiser in which we gave away a basket full of treats and goodies. The winner was announced February 12th. Congratulations to the winner Ericka Layser.

St. Patrick's Day is approaching fast and we have de-

cided to fill another basket with more treats for you. The tickets are one dollar, find a brother to buy one. The drawing will be held March 17th. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Another fund raiser that Phi Beta Lambda is doing is Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Sales.

Buy your Easter candy now!

Phi Beta Lambda meets every Wednesday at 9:00 pm in Memorial Hall, room 204. We want to let you know about our organization and we would like to know about yours.

For questions or suggestions talk to one of the brothers or Dr. Kutty, our advisor.

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The World Famous Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats to visit MU in March

Chinese acrobatics continue to evolve. During the 'warring states periods' (770-476 BC), Chinese acrobatics originated from the work, chores, battles, ceremonies, sacrificial rites and other routines of people's daily lives.

By 589 AD, many acrobatic feats had been perfected and routines expanded, such as the human pagoda, rope walking, and the dancing horse. The best acrobats were registered as professional performers, many traveling far and wide with "Hundred Entertainments" a huge cultural exchange program.

Following the collapse of the Tang dynasty, Chinese society-the arts, and the "Hundred Entertainments" included-fell into a state of confusion. The exception was acrobatics, which continued to thrive. Spinning tops and juggling with both hands and feet were added during this time to the acrobats repertoire.

Rulers of the Ming and Qing dynasties considered acrobatics "unrefined entertainment". Nevertheless, the people loved and supported the acrobats, whose performances were held most often at open-air festivals.

By 1949, this oldest folk art was evolving into a more formal, sophisticated performing art; one designed and choreographed for better audience viewing and appreciation of the increasingly complex acts. Performances were tailored to specific venue requirements.

The founding of the People's Republic Of China in 1950 provided for the ministry of culture of the central people's government to officially support the acrobatic arts. They formed a troupe, based in Beijing, consisting of the most outstanding acrobats from major Chinese cities. Each acrobat performed his or her own specialty. Out of this Beijing troupe evolved large professional troupes which today number more than 250, and continue to flourish, traveling world-wide.

Within China, acrobats are revered as highly esteemed members of their ancient culture, receiving respect similar to that bestowed on prima ballerinas and divas in the west.

You too can see the world famous Tain Jin Acrobats of China on Thursday, March 25, 1999 at 7:30 pm in Straughn Auditorium. Tickets are \$7.50 for general admission and free to Mansfield University students with their current IDs.

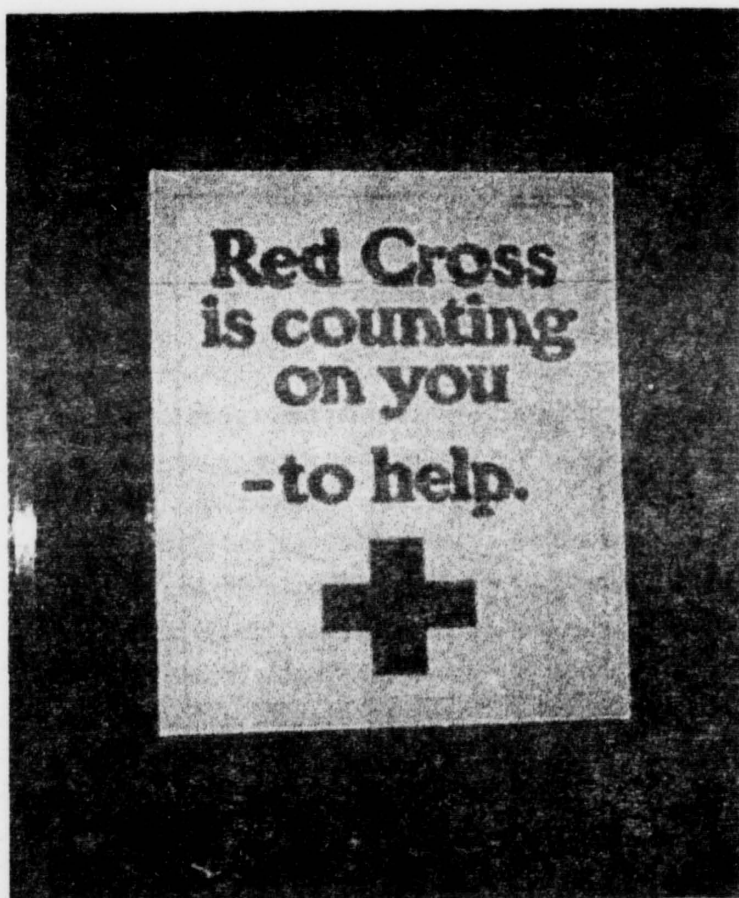


photo by: Holly Blyler

Mansfield University and the Red Cross held a blood drive in North Dining Hall on Wednesday, February 24th. Both faculty and students donated blood to this very worthy cause.

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Get Ready to Scream! No, Not that Scream!

by: Lisa Robinson
features editor

Get ready to Scream! No, not that Scream!

A cold chill drifts over the crowd in the theater. There is an eerie silence. Someone's chair squeaks. The room is dark except for the flickering of the light from the movie screen. Suddenly there is a gasp, then the sound of a knife slicing through the air and then a scream!

The blood curdling scream sends chills up the spines of everyone in the theater and as its piercing pitch begins to fade into a wail of horror it is quickly interrupted by the voice of Mansfield University Junior Eric Christman's.

"Cut!" he yells.

The actress looks up, smears the fake blood on the front of her jeans and smiles.

"That's a wrap!" Christman says and the screen fades to black.

Okay, so this really didn't happen but it might be close to what will happen in the upcoming weeks and months as Eric Christman and Wayne LaForme get ready to make you

scream. The pair are planning to begin filming for their horror suspense film, *Dark Secret* Monday, March 1, but instead of warning students to "watch out!" they're suggesting they join in and help out.

The film is being produced through a production company founded by LaForme in January of this year, called Majik Entertainment. LaForme and Christman said the group currently has between 30 and 50 members. Christman said he was approached to write the script for the film by LaForme before the group was founded.

The group itself has been a learning experience for the two novice film makers.

"When Eric presented the script that kind of got the ball rolling," LaForme said. "The group itself has been a great opportunity for us to get experience. We are a new group so we really don't have any rules right now or any standards that we have to follow, so we can be as creative as we like."

As for the plot of the film, Christman describes it as a movie similar to the plot of the horror film *Scream*!

"It is pretty much about a group of teenage kids that gets slashed

up," Christman laughed. "There is a masked guy after them and they try to find out who he is and eventually they do."

LaForme is unofficially in charge of the special effects for the production, including the making of the blood. Christman said the mixture consists of corn syrup and food coloring.

"The corn syrup is for the texture," Christman said.

According to Christman the group is planning to continue filming the film through next week and hopes to have the first ten minutes of footage done before Spring Break. He added that the equipment for the film is being donated by MU Electronics Systems Technician, Mark Palonia, except for the camera which is LaForme's. The two say they are trying to keep the costs for the film very low. They are also using the television studio in Allen for some scenes, although most of the, according to Christman, will be filmed outside. So far they have spent \$40 on the project, out of their own pockets.

"We're trying to get as much as we can donated to the project," Christman said. "But we are also not afraid to spend a little bit of our own money."

When asked what they plan to do with the film when it is finished, the pair's ambitions were high.

"We hope to get it into a couple of film festivals," Christman said. "There is one in Philly we are really interested in. We want to win something but most importantly we hope to show it to an audience outside of Mansfield. We want professionals to see it and give us their opinion."

The critique is important to Christman and LaForme who say they are looking into film making after college.

"I guess I'm kind of like that character on that show *Dawson's Creek*," Christman said. "I'm a movie buff. I definitely want to study film after I graduate from Mansfield."

Christman said the film currently has sixteen actors but that they are always looking for extras. He said those who are interested should contact Adrienne Hoffman, their production manager. LaForme said this is the group's first film but he can't definitely say it will be their last.

"This is a big project but since our group really has no rules we are open to ideas," LaForme said.

Campus Ministry is Making A Difference

by Liz Visostki
staff reporter

Looking for an alternative to spending Spring Break at home? Want to make a difference in the lives of some people that are less fortunate? Maybe you should turn to Campus Ministry.

The office in 112 Pinecrest may look unimposing, but they have big plans. This semester they will be continuing the plans that they have made for the past four springs, they will be going to Kentucky to help the United Methodist Church (UMC) Conference prepare for the summer workcamps.

The UMC Conference was started in the 1920's to bring education to the "coves and hollars" of Redbird, Kentucky. Since then it's services has greatly expanded to try and help the people there survive in an dwindling economy.

Many of the men of the region make a living in the coal mines. These mines are of the cave type which necessitates them crawling down the shafts and digging on their stomachs to try and remove what little coal is left. These mines

will last for ten years at the maximum, so the UMC Conference is working hard to reeducate and retool the community. The "mountain pride" of the people makes it nearly impossible for them to move away from their kin, or to accept charity.

To help, the Conference has set up a clothing and toy store that charges under \$2 for everything in stock. Unfortunately even this is too much for some families to afford. Therefore, every family is given an account which is adjusted lower to try and salvage some of the persons pride while not preventing them from buying what is necessary.

There is now a K-12 school open for the children of the community. There is a minimum tuition because public school teachers are no longer provided by the state. That service was ended in the 1970's because of the religious affiliation of the school. Now the school is operated by teachers working for minimum wage although they could earn much more at a public school. There is a head start program is offered by a young woman who drives out to the hills to teach the children. Thanks to the UMC there is also a medical and dental clinic

located in the community.

The mission is offering a outlet for the local artisans to earn money while doing what they can. They have a U-Haul that takes local crafts nation-wide to help the artisans earn some much needed capitol.

For the spring break program the group from Mansfield works to get the workcamps ready for the heavy-duty labor that comes in the summer. This is the fourth year that Campus Ministry has gone. The first year that they were in Redbird, the group painted, refurbished, and replaced ceilings in the cabins. The second year that the intrepid crew went the cleaned the utters of the housing that is provided for the volunteers that work for the mission.

Last year they helped to build a new cabin. In nine degree weather the students learned how to mix mortar and lay cement blocks. When it got too cold to work outside they insulated a barn and then sorted the plumbing supplies inside. After that they sorted, counted, and cut the myriad if Campbell's soup labels that have been collected for the mission.

The mission collects two million labels a year, enough to buy a 14 passenger van and 174 other items a year. The school was the first in the in history of the Campbell's program to accomplish this

feat, a fact that sent the president of the company out to Redbird to present it himself. That is how the school manages to raise most of it's sporting equipment, books, audio visual equipment, as well as a refrigerator and copier last year.

The students receive a plethora of advantages from the experience. Some students observe the school classes to fill their requirements for University classes. They also get to learn what they can do, and build a lasting camaraderie with their fellow students. It's not all work though. The inexhaustible crew take Wednesday off to go to some sightseeing in Knoxville.

No matter what happens, it is always different and is always fun. The participants who join Rev. Deborah Casey always come back from their Spring Break exhausted but with a better understanding of who they are.

Do you have feature ideas?
Contact Flashlight Features Editor, Lisa Robinson at X4986 or stop by Memorial 217.

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More Movie Reviews from
our Flashlight Reviewers

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Want to Review?

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To see or not to see: that is the question

by Suzanne Yeager
staff reporter

It doesn't surprise me in the least bit that Shakespeare In Love, directed by John Madden, won 3 Golden Globe Awards and has 13 Academy Award Nominations.

I didn't know what to expect because the only thing that I heard beforehand was that it was nominated for awards and getting extensive media coverage. It has been a long time since a movie has really captured me, keeping my attention until the end. Never once did I look at my watch and think, "How long is this movie? Is it over yet? I have to go to the bathroom...."

The cast of Shakespeare In Love is star-studded with gallant

actors such as Joseph Fiennes, best supporting actor nominee Geoffrey Rush and Ben Affleck. The dignified women on screen, such as best actress nominee Gwyneth Paltrow and best supporting actress nominee Judi Dench make a poised and strong impression in the movie.

Set in England during the Elizabethan period, this film shows a different angle than I have seen before. It is not only a fictional account of William Shakespeare's love life, around the time that he wrote Romeo and Juliet, but also more specifically how his escapade of the heart influenced his work.

Geoffrey Rush, who plays the poor theatre-owner Philip Henslowe, has money problems asks Joseph Fiennes, respectively Will Shakespeare, to

write a play that will revitalize England's attendance at the theater. After Will recovers from a brief period of writers block, the play Phillip Henslowe expected with a ship full of pirates turned into a drama played out by the scenes in his real love life. He pulls lines out of ordinary conversation with people to put into Romeo and Juliet. The balcony scene actually occurs in Will's life with the object of his affection, Gwyneth Paltrow, who plays Viola De Lesseps. Their lives in the movie mimic the characters in the play and Viola is Will's motivation to write.

Shakespeare writes plays and sonnets because of Viola's influence on all parts of his life and this love is an ever-present theme throughout the entire film. Passionate love scenes and intimate portraits of the couple absorb the

viewer's attention in the film.

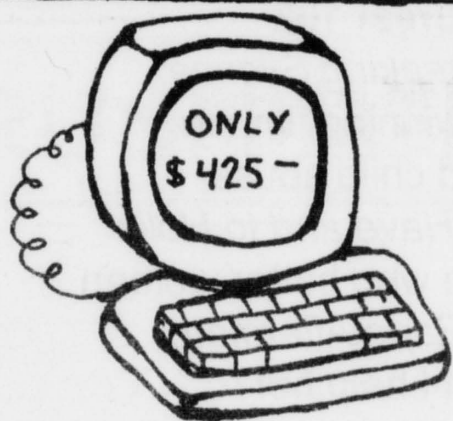
It is a story about a man who writes a story about his life; love than cannot be fulfilled because the star-crossed lovers are from different social classes.

I would recommend this film to everyone who loves cinema. Shakespeare In Love is very well written by Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard. The acting and directing is simply outstanding.

The movie met all of my expectations as to what I feel is an Academy Award winning film and if I was in the Academy, my votes would be cast to every nomination this movie received.

Grade: A+

If you want to check out the website for Shakespeare In Love, go to: www.miramax.com:8888/ows-doc/shakespeareinlov/index.html



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a film about men who batter women

March 31: *Rape Aftermath:*

How can I help her?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The **Non-Traditional Student Organization** will be having a luncheon/meeting on Tuesday, March 23 in the Cabaret Room, Memorial Hall. **FREE LUNCH** will be available at 12:15 p.m.

with the meeting to follow from 12:30-1:30 p.m. All Non-traditional and commuter students are encouraged to attend. For more info, e-mail Mary at kraussbm@mnsfld.edu

MILK WEEK IS COMING!!!

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
3/1: Milk Chugging Contest	Manser Dining Hall	5-5:30 p.m.
3/1: Milk Trivia	Manser Dining Hall	5:30-6 p.m.
3/2: Milk Balloon Toss	South Hall Mall	12:30 p.m.
3/2: Pudding Eating Contest	Manser Dining Hall	5-5:30 p.m.
3/3: Milk Mustache Look Out	Manser Dining Hall	12-1 p.m.
3/3: Milk and Cookie Night	Manser Dining Hall	9-10 p.m.
3/4: Mr. & Mrs. Milk Pageant	North Manser Dining	8-9 p.m.
3/4: Cereal Night	Manser Dining Hall	9-10 p.m.

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Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in
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missions should be on an 8.5" x 11" white paper and should include the address: N.T.S.O./Mansfield Univer-
sity, 209 Memorial Hall, Mansfield, PA 16933. Please include your name, address, phone, and e-mail on the
BACK of your submission. Send via campus or regular mail to the address above no later than March 22.

Any Questions? Call Mary at 724-8709 or e-mail her at kraussbm@mnsfld.edu.

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Cipolla named All-American

Mansfield, PA- Mansfield University's Candace Cipolla has a chance to become only the second Mountaineer swimmer to earn NCAA Division II All-American honors following her performance at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Swimming Championships Feb. 18-20 at West Chester University.

Cipolla qualified for NCAA competition at the PSAC Championships by placing second in the 200-backstroke in 2:09.61 and also qualified in the 100-backstroke with a second-place finish in 59.50.

The NCAA Division II Championships will be in Buffalo, NY, March 10-13. The first eight finishers in each event earn All-American status. Nikki Noaeill was the only

Mansfield swimmer to earn All-American honors, placing eighth in the 50-freestyle in 1997.

"The PSAC is a tough swimming conference so we expect Candace to do well in national competition," said Mansfield head coach Danita Pokorny. "She is used to facing good competitors and has a good chance to become an All-American in both events."

Cipolla holds seven school records. She is Mansfield's record holder in the 100 and 200-backstroke and the 200-intermediate event, and is also a member of the Mountaineers' record-setting 200-medley, 400-medley, 400-free and 800-free relay teams. Five of the seven records have been set this season.



Photo Provided

Candace Cipolla new All-American

Mansfield University Wrestling Soon Over

Mansfield, Pa.—The Mansfield University wrestling team will compete in what could be its last action of the 1998-99 season Friday and Saturday at the Division II NCAA East Regional hosted by the University of Pitt-Johnstown.

Head coach Hank Shaw will send five wrestlers to the competition with hopes that at least one grappler will qualify for NCAA Nationals. The winner of each weight class will advance to the NCAA Nationals at Omaha, Nebraska on March 12-13. The coaches at the Regional will vote on 10 other wrestlers from all weight classes that are "wild card" entrants who advance to national competition.

Shaw's best chances are freshmen Jay Kotsko and Jason Baine. Baine is 17-7 this season at 157 pounds and is seeded third in his weight class in the latest Division II East Region rankings. Miguel Phillips, the number two seed from Binghamton, and Baine have wrestled each other twice this season with each earning a win. The first seed at 157 pounds, Tyke Conover from Pitt-Johnstown, has sat out much of the season with an injury.

Kotsko is 11-7 this season at 149 pounds. He isn't ranked in the top four in the region, but is mentioned in the top seven. Mountie Lenny Reed is also mentioned at 174 pounds and has a chance to place. George Walters and Josh Vanderpool will compete in the 184 and 197-pound weight classes respectively.

Shannon's MU Playing Career Over

Mansfield, Pa.—Mansfield University men's basketball player Steve Shannon ended his collegiate playing career Saturday evening at Millersville University but not before he left his mark on the court and in the school record books.

The 6'7 forward led the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) with a 10.8 rebound-per game average this season. He finished the season tied for fifth in the PSAC in scoring (16.3) and was fifth in field-goal percentage (.512). He also was second on the team in steals (31) and blocked shots (11) and was third in assists (55).

"I believe Steve Shannon is what Mansfield University athletics are all about," head coach Tom Ackerman said. "He was a lightly recruited high school player that came here and worked



Photo Provided

Former - MU Forward Steve Shannon

extremely hard when the opportunity was given to him and made himself a very good basketball player. Steve will be hard to replace not just because

of what he accomplished on the court, but because of the leadership he has shown. He has been an easy player to coach and I'm proud of what he has accomplished during his MU career."

Shannon was a major factor in Mansfield capturing the PSAC Championship in the 1996-97 season, averaging 13.8 points and 7.5 rebounds a game and shooting 55 percent from the floor. He started all 30 games in his sophomore season.

Shannon finished second in school history with 803 career rebounds. He is 10th in school history with 1,231 career points and is listed in the top five at MU in career games played (107), free throws made (305), free throws attempted (437), blocked shots (43), field goals made (463) and field goals attempted (922).

ATTENTION GRADUATES

JOSTENS will be in the front of the bookstore to sell Bachelor Degree caps and gowns for May Commencement on March 2 & 3.

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MU track star sets new records

Kutztown, PA- Mansfield University sophomore Lamar Crawford had the finest day in the history of Mansfield Track and Field yesterday at the Kutztown University Bear's Den Invitational. Crawford placed first in three events and second in one event. He broke three school records.

In the triple jump, Crawford leaped to a second place finish behind Russ Holmes of East Stroudsburg with a jump of 46'1". It was a new school record.

In the long jump, Crawford broke a school record and placed first with a jump of 22'9 1/2'.

The third school record came in the 55 M Hurdles with first place time of 7.94.

Crawford also finished first in the High Jump with a jump of 6-4.

Next week, Crawford will represent Mansfield University at the Eastern Colleges Athletic Conference Championships at Southern Connecticut



MU Track star Lamar Crawford sets three new track records

Mansfield University Women Swim Team Set School Records

Mansfield—The Mansfield University's women's swim team competed at the PSAC tournament held at West Chester University last weekend. The tournament was a three day competition.

On the first day of competition the Mountie 400-medley relay team of Candace Cipolla, Teresa Ulett, Jaime Ragukonis and Sarah Davis set the school record with an eighth-place finish in the consolations with a time of 4:13.39. This broke the teams old record set by the same four swimmers in December. Ulett also made Mansfield swimming history with a record breaking performance in the

500-free during preliminary competition.

The second day of competition found Cipolla qualifying for the NCAA Division II Championship. The 200 Medley Relay team of Candace Cipolla, Jaime Ragukonis, Teresa Ulett, and Sarah Davis, broke the school record with a time of 1:56.92. They placed seventh out of 12 teams in the finals. Sarah Davis broke a school record in the 400 IM. She placed 11th in the finals.

Of the twelve teams that competed in the championships, Mansfield University finished eighth. Indiana University of Pennsylvania was the PSAC Championship winners.

Mansfield University Basketball Wrap Up

Mansfield—The Mansfield University Women's basketball team wrapped up the season on Saturday with a -72 loss to Millersville University.

Despite ending the season on a sour note, the Mounties, 6-20 overall and 3-9 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East Division, have made dramatic improvements from last year's 1-25 season.

A fifth place finish in the division, the Mounties have never finished better than 6th since the

1993-94 season.

A young team, the Mounties leading scorers were freshmen Allyson Buss (10.7 ppg) and Jennifer Nichols (10.1 ppg). Buss, a three-time PSAC East Rookie of the Week, is 6th in Mansfield history is points scored by a rookie. She had 277 points this year. Nichols, a two-time Rookie of the Week selection, is right behind her on the list with 252 points.

The Mansfield University men's basketball team concluded their season on Saturday with a 86-102 loss to Millersville, eliminating their hopes of making the Penn-

sylvania State Athletic Conference playoffs.

The men finished the season 10-16 overall and 4-8 in the PSAC East. They ended up in the fifth place.

The Mounties, who had eight games decided by three points or less, relied on the skill and experience of co-captains Steve Shannon and Tom Harvey to keep the team positive.

Shannon ends his career at Mansfield by going down in the record books as one of the most prolific players ever.

Harvey also finds himself in

a prestigious position in terms of individual performance at the end of this season.

His 508 points this year put him in 5th in the all-time season scoring category. In terms of career performance, he is 7th on the all-time list with 1,292. Harvey also finds himself high on the lists of almost every other offensive categories.

Another positive aspect of this year's team was the performance of rookie Jim Davies. Davies, a freshmen, averaged 7.0 points per game. He was named PSAC East Rookie of the Week three times.

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Spring break fever hits Mansfield students and faculty

by Carl Madonna
staff reporter

Soon we will rise from our hypnopompic states and begin the halycon time we refer to as Spring Break. So wipe those haggard looks of your faces and begin to gear up for our "mini" vacation. So where will you be spending your time off? From a consensus I conducted earlier in the week, 78% of students surveyed will be going home, 15% will be leaving U.S. soil, 7% are still undecided.

Gregg Pachik, of Sigma Tau Gamma, will be spending a fun-filled week in the Bahamas. "Well, it sounds like fun. It will be a week of pure entertainment." When you juxtapose Mansfield with the Bahamas, well you understand. Many of the other students I spoke with such as Chris Dyno, will be going to Canada. Why Canada, "You can have more fun at a younger age," Dyno said. For students staying in good old Mansfield, well this would be a perfect time to catch up on schoolwork.

As for the Flashlight staff, sleep is on most of our agenda's. Quantities of uninterrupted sleep.

Dr. Albert Dalmolen, of the Political Science Department, will be spending his Spring Break working on his "Teaching Development Politics Through One Country: Indonesia," paper. Dalmolen will present his work at the Pennsylvania Political Science Association Conference being held at Villanova University in April. The rest of the time, Dr. Dalmolen will be grading exams.

I am sure that we will all find some polymorphous way to enjoy our Spring Break. Now this may be a great opportunity to let your hair down and have some fun, but remember to practice safety precautions in all your ventures. Just think, when we come back to Mansfield, our Mid-Term grades will be waiting in our mailboxes to sober us up.

Dr. Vernon Lapps, of the Communication Department, said, "I be will staying home tending to my four geese and seven ducks. I will definitely

enjoy the time off to relax and get ready for part two of this semester."

Dr. Priscilla Travis, also of the Communication Department, said, "I have a lot of work to catch up on. I have no plans for visiting a warm climate." (Time for me to get some brownie points!!!) I will also be working very hard this Spring Break to catch up on my school work. By the way, I will be doing this work for ALL my classes. (That should

do it.)

President John Halstead will be spending his Spring Break making Alumni Visits in sunny South Florida.

The Campus Ministry Club will be visiting one of their philanthropies in Kentucky. They will be working at the United Methodist Conference in Redbird, Kentucky. Students will be preparing the work-camps for this upcoming summer.

If your Spring Break turns out to be

terrific, tell us about it. We will publish the wildest Spring Break story, so write to us at 217 Memorial Hall.

On a more serious note, please from the staff at the Flashlight, be safe. Have fun but have sense as well. The stress has been building up all semester, just make sure you vent your stress in positive ways. Try not to jeopardize your vacation with irrational decisions. This includes accepting an internship at the White House.

HAVE A
SAFE AND FUN
SPRING BREAK '99!!!

Top ten things to do over spring break

10. Sleep
9. Study...The Inside of Your Eyelids
8. Work on Excuses for Mid-Term Grades
7. Conive Parents for More Money
6. Sleep Just a Little More
5. Keep Re-Reading the Flashlight
4. Consume Mass Quantities of Your Favorite Beverage
3. Consider Joining the Flashlight
2. Ponder How You Have Survived Living At Home For 18 years of your life
1. Ponder The Sexuality of The Purple Teletubby

Calendar of Activities Feb. 26- March 4

Feb. 26& 27 *8pm MU theater productions presents "NunsenseJamboree" in Straughn Auditorium
*Eastern Division MENC-NYC ACDA National Convention

Feb. 27 *7pm Mathew Gehringer and Michael Rosato have a joint Junior/Senior Trumpet/Percussion recital in Steadman

*9:30 MAC movie "Waterboy" in Allen Lecture Hall

Feb. 28 *"Nunsense Jamboree" 2pm Straughn Auditorum

*3pm Fine Arts Series- Rachel Sparer /Soprano and Giles Bercier/Tenor in Steadman

*9pm MAC movie "Waterboy" in Allen Lecture Hall

March 1-March 5 Bachus Gamma "Safe Spring Break"

March 2- 1pm Ebony Discussion hour MLK Center-Memorial Hall

March 3- Women's documentary films 7pm in the Women's center Pinecrest 102

March 4- 1pm International Discussion hour-MLK Center Memorial Hall.

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Avid Editor promises to further MU technology

by: **Carl Madonna**
staff reporter

Recently, the Communications Department added yet another juggernaut to their arsenal. The juggernaut I am referring to is the new Avid Editor. The Avid Editor is a media composer 1000, which is a nonlinear editing system. Now if you are not a communications major, this basically means that stu-

dents will not have to spend days editing one piece of material. Trust me, just utter the words editing to a communications student and they will cringe.

"The Avid Editor takes the tasks of many machines and operators and condenses those tasks to one unit," said media guru Mark Polonia. This machine allows you to edit video and audio in any order and then refine it from any place to create a new project. I spoke with Will Smith, broadcasting major, and

he said, "This sounds like a plus for the department, it cuts down our time in the editing suites and puts some fun into editing." I myself along with many other students have not had the opportunity to work with the Avid Editor. "Students are currently using the system, it just takes some time to explain and demonstrate the features of the editor," said Polonia.

This editing system was given to us in cooperation with Alumni Stewart J. Weiss.

Along with Weiss' generosity, the university helped extinguish remaining costs with a grant to the department. Polonia said he forgets the actual cost of the Avid Editor, but the expression and sounds he made when questioned of the cost indicated that this machine cleaned out a few wallets and purses.

Here are just a few more of the many features the Avid Editor possesses. It gives the editor much more flexibility, creates more professional materials, and

really cuts down the manual tasks of linear editing.

All of the kinks have not been worked out yet, but in the next few semesters students will be well trained and ready to work with the Avid Editor. Polonia said, "This is the top of line, very best editing machine I've ever seen. It will save students from the time and stress that comes with editing."

MU professor cited for excellence

by: **Darren DeVoue**
staff reporter

On April 16, the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) will recognize the efforts of Dr. Peggy Dettwiler by honoring her with the Citation of Excellence in Teaching Award. This will take place at the Annual Inservice Conference Banquet in Valley Forge. Dr. Dettwiler will represent the District 8 section of Pennsylvania. District 8 is the NorthCentral region of PA.

Dr. Dettwiler efforts as the Director of Choral Activities here at MU were the basis for her reception of this award. This award recognizes its recipient as one carries a heavy teaching schedule, exemplifies a high ability to teach their students, the recipient's tenure, and the person's activity level.

Speaking of activity, Dr. Dettwiler will be leading her choir on a European tour slated to start in May, and the choir will warm up for that with Spring Concert which will take place April 11 at 3:00 P.M. at Straughn Auditorium. Think she intends to slow down, think again. Dr. Dettwiler is also currently working "Haydem's Creation", a production that will feature 150 participants from the choir and orchestra. "Haydem's Creation" will be held April 24 at 8:00 P.M. in Straughn. Also Dr. Dettwiler may be quite busy as her choir has received 6 invitations to perform this year.

This is Dr. Dettwiler's second award of recognition in her nine years here at MU. The first was the Faculty Student Mentor award given to her in the '93-'94 academic year. So if you see Dr. Peggy Dettwiler congratulate her on this fine honor she has received and the attention she has brought to MU.

SGA holds an open forum to listen to students point of view on campus life

by: **Liz Visotski**
staff reporter

Why complain in your room about the problems on campus? Why not complain to presidents who care and want to help?

This was the opportunity presented to students Thursday March 18 in Memorial 204. Dr. Halstead, University President, and Michelle Hosey, Student Council President, held an open forum to any student who wanted to address the issues facing the campus. Unfortunately only a few students took advantage of this opportunity to give constructive criticism and to get answers to their questions.

Students started the meeting off with academic issues on their minds. With registration looming near the first topic brought to the floor was faculty interaction with students. The ratio of students to teachers is 16:1, a number that allows high levels of student and teacher interaction and fa-

miliarity. It was recognized that 83% of Mansfield University students are satisfied with their advisors, higher than the national average. Most underclassmen are happy with their advising, but when they become upperclassmen they become disenchanted and lost in the bureaucratic shuffle. Part of this phenomena can be traced to a lack of familiarity with the forms and requirements on the part of students. These are things discussed at the academic orientations at the beginning of the semester, but many upperclassmen think that they know everything but miss out on vital information. A possible solution suggested that students try harder to establish a rapport with their advisors, but if a bad pattern persists they should seek the advice of the department chairperson or the provost.

It was agreed by those in attendance that the student government and Dr. Halstead are very approachable and eager to address student concerns. Members of the student government and Dr. Halstead are willing to help students to deal with their campus is-

sues.

Surveys are available around campus to address the issue of campus day care for the children of students and faculty. This service will not raise tuition but will allow children to come to the university with their parents and not have to sit in class all day. Traditional students are impressed with the increase of nontraditional students and are therefore pro-childcare. That will hopefully allow more students to attend the university because they will not have to worry about their children while they are in class.

If you are interested in filling out a childcare survey and getting your opinion included, feel free to pick one up in the Women's Resource Center in Pinecrest Hall.

Student Government meetings are held in 204 Memorial at 9pm Mondays.

Beehive brings the 1960s back to Mansfield

by: **Anji Nolan**
staff reporter

Monday, March 15th in Straughn Auditorium at 8pm, Beehive stopped here at Mansfield University, just one of its stops on its national tour of 17 days on the road. Theatre Professor Mike Crum was the technical director years ago at Corning Summer Theatre for Beehive and liked the show and wanted them here. With the help of Clarence Crisp we were able to see them.

Company Manager

Patty Williams said the crews traditional day was to load for 16 hours a day.

Beehive consisted of four talented women who mimicked multiple female rockers of the 60s, who continued to sing even as their outfits were changed. The show started with a quarter put into a large juke box and the audience was invited to come take a trip in time, to the 1960s Fantasy. The four starting singing the Name Game.

The audience was then given a history lesson from the election of JFK, Elvis's release from the Army and that the

Olympics were held in Rome. Then they sang the Chiffons "Sweet Talking Guy."

The crowd automatically clapped to the beat of the Supreme songs. They then sang "It's my Party" and Brenda Lee's "I'm Sorry."

The twist was next and again they went out into the crowd to get audience member to dance with them.

Audience members got a new perspective of "As the Beat goes on" as they learned of Martin Luther King Jr's death, Vietnam, faster cars an end to the age of innocence

and end to girls wanting to grow up to be Donna Reed.

The audience also got to hear songs from the female British Invasion LuLu, Ptuelia Clark, and Dusty Springfield, who was coincidentally inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame this month.

Two of the best stage performances were the smoke blowing out and the Ikets with Tina Turner.

"We can do it nice and easy," said the actress.

The crowd also loved the Aretha Franklin songs. The evening ended as they sang The

"Mamas and the Papas" sang "Dancing in the Street" and changed the city to Mansfield.

They finished with "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." The crowd gave them a standing ovation. The college students applauded more frequently the second half because of the song recognition. When asked if she would consider coming back to Mansfield Patty Williams said, "Definitely yes." They are currently, they are working on a new show.

Chinese acrobats to visit MU

special to the Flashlight

Mansfield University will host the World Famous Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Straughn Hall.

The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats have won the National Campus Activities' "Entertainer of the Year Award" seven of the last 10 years and have received Campus Activities Today's "Performers of the Year Award."

World-renowned manager for Chinese acrobatics Danny Chang and his choreographer wife, Angela, combine their expertise to produce this popular cultural

attraction. The group has appeared in over 65 countries. Chinese acrobats have been entertaining audiences for 27 centuries, making it the longest running folk art form in history. Notable for their daring feats, colorful, hand-embroidered costumes and body and facial expressions, Chinese acrobats begin training as young as age 4. Coupled with an acrobat's athletic strength, balance and timing is Chi Kung, the oriental philosophy of inner strength, which focuses the body and mind to work in harmony. This provides the structure to support choreographed programs of balancing, juggling, dance, comedy and magic.

The ancient art of the acrobat continues to be supported

by traditionally vibrant color, grace and precision. Chinese acrobats are a combination of actor, athlete, and artist. The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats mix their award-winning acrobatics with authentic costumes, and ancient as well as modern theatrical techniques to produce a show unlike any other.

General admission tickets are \$7.50. Admission is free to MU students with a current ID. For more information, please call (570) 662-4980. The event is sponsored by MU's Student Activities Office and the Mansfield Activities Council.

American Red Cross is looking for lifeguards

The Tioga County Chapter of the American Red Cross will begin annual lifeguard training Saturday, April 10, continuing April 17, 24, and May 1. Those interested in becoming lifeguards must be fifteen years of age or older before starting this course. The Red Cross also will offer a recertification class in CPR for the Professional Rescuer for current lifeguards who wish to sign up early for recertification.

According to Joanne Boyd, Health and Safety coordinator, Students need to be registered before April 5th, and there are limited spaces, so hurry and sign up."

For more information, or to request a course application, call Joanne Boyd or Katie Tice at the Tioga County Chapter office, (570) 724-2941.

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Auditor Casey fights for welfare and nursing homes in PA

special to the Flashlight

Norristown (March 3) - Auditor General Robert P. Casey Jr., an outspoken advocate for improving both the quality of nursing home care and the work opportunities for welfare recipients, today visited a Montgomery County facility that offers a unique solution to both challenges.

As the welfare deadline hit for thousands of Pennsylvania families, Casey sought to draw attention to an innovative program that is

successfully training welfare recipients to become nurses' aides. Casey spent the morning touring the AGE Institute in Norristown, a non-profit educational organization which provides literacy, language, and life skills training, as well as state-certified clinical instruction to become long-term care nursing assistants. For the past two years, the AGE Institute has received funding from several private Industry Councils in Franklin, Adams and Montgomery Counties to provide this training to individuals receiving public assistance.

Unfortunately, accord-

ing to AGE Institute Chairman and President Carol Tschop, the state's narrow definition of just what constitutes "work-related experience" for welfare recipients, prohibitive eligibility requirements, and problems with local welfare to work efforts have restricted the Institute from qualifying appropriate candidates for their training programs. Casey has repeatedly called on Gov. Ridge to use his discretion under federal law to expand the state definition of

"work" to include education and training for a limited period of time. "This would enable welfare recipients who need education and training to transition into the workforce without losing their benefits immediately," Casey said. "It also improves their chances of self-sufficiency."

The Auditor General said he hoped his visit today would help encourage the state to remove the barriers that prevent the AGE Institutes training programs from qualifying as "work-related experience," and allow the program to qualify for welfare-to-work fund-

ing.

"Removing these barriers will help Pennsylvania achieve the goals of welfare reform and improving the quality of nursing home care," Casey said. "Families will be on the road to self-sufficiency with jobs that pay significantly higher than the minimum wage and nursing homes will benefit from the availability of workers who have received customized job training in the long term care field."

POLICE BEAT

by: Carl Madonna
staff reporter

02/08/99- Police received information that a student in Hemlock Manor had a large quantity of alcohol and was planning to host a party. Police conducted an investigation which lead to the confiscation of a half keg of Pabst beer. Suspect will be charged with underage possession of alcoholic beverages.

02/09/99- Two pair of stereo headphones were stolen from the university radio station, Giant 89.5. The approximated value of the goods taken in the heist is \$20.00. The investigation is still continuing. Any information regarding this theft can be reported to campus police at 662-4900.

03/01/99- Theft of several items from the water treatment plant. Apparently the damage was done between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.. The approximated value of the items taken is an astounding \$800.00. Any information regarding the night in question can be reported to campus police at 662-4900.

03/15/99- Two students vandalized several vehicles in the "T" lot. At least one window was smashed in each vehicle. The pending charge is Criminal Mischief, and the incident is still under investigation. Once again, if you have any information, contact campus police. (You know the number)

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CORRECTIONS

* WNTS spent \$9,000 on their transmitter, not \$20,000 as was falsely reported

*The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Memorial Hall is underused not unused as was falsely reported.

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T&D Cats of the World: A PR campaign with a meaning

by: Liz Visotski
staff reporter

Lions, tigers, and bears, OH MY! This could be said of T & D Cats of the World, located in Penns Creek, Pa. This family run wildlife refuge is home to 39 exotic cats and a menagerie of other animals.

Species represented include Bengal and Siberian tigers, mountain lions, bear, fishers, goats, deer, African lions,

coyote, silver fox, bobcat, puma, and other malnourished and unwanted animals.

Many people do not realize that it is illegal to own these animals. When the authorities are forced to take the animals away from the owners they are taken to the refuge to be housed and protected. Cats that are no longer desired by zoos are taken to the refuge instead of being euthenized.

T & D Cats of the World is a privately run organization started by a retired Penn-

sylvania State Trooper who is realizing his dream to run a zoo. It receives no federal or state monies for it's operation. Operation costs are covered by the family and private donations. Local farmers donate dead cows to the refuge for food for the animals. The cats eat approximately 12 cows a month.

The sanctuary will be sending several cats to the Susquehanna Mall in Selinsgrove from 10am to

6pm to try and gain awareness of the refuge and to raise funds. In an attempt to raise money to create a three-acre tiger pen/habitat. To raise the capital animals are available for adoption as well as the telephone poles and fence sections of the pen.

In an ambitious project for their public relations workshop, Mansfield University students Jill Manceini, Bridget Wagner, Christine Peterson, and Susan Yeager worked together to produce a comprehensive public image for the not for profit organization. They de-

signed flyers, brochures, press releases, fact sheets, and educational worksheets to help the refuge get it's name out. The workshop is the capstone of the public relations course program.

The refuge is open May to August on Sundays and year round by appointment. Prices are five dollars for adults and three for children two to 12 years of age. Educational groups are allowed to go for free. For more information call T&D Cats at (570) 837-3377.

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Hand me the next painful situation

The *Flashlight's* alternative to Ann Landers

by: Jenna Rawa

staff reporter

My first commentary, how wonderful. I've always wanted one of these. But now I'm stuck every week having to choose a specific topic and I'm usually one to talk about several hundred things, not just one. So we'll go week to week and I'll surprise you. One topic, or twelve? Read on, Flashlight lovers. Let me know what you think, your feedback is welcome and enjoyed.

So there's this overwhelming stench overtaking the Flashlight office this week. The power was turned off during Mansfield's spring break and our refrigerator was without its normal supplied coolness. Let me take this opportunity to introduce to you Febreeze. I love it, it works wonders, it comes in a handy spray bottle, and the Flashlight staff is now taking donations of it in any quantity. Drop Febreeze off in 217 Memorial and we'll be forever

thankful. The moldy broccoli smell, however, will not.

Having never gone to the rec center before, I am now under a contract, signed with witnesses, to make visits there a minimum of four days weekly. If I do not go, my personal motivator requires me to purchase her favorite beverage without complaint. It's now Thursday and I've already been there four times and the week isn't over yet. This kind of persistence makes me kind of proud, even though I have no choice. But to put this into perspective for you, I used to refer to the gym as a foreign land. I had only been there once and that was with my roommate because she wanted an application. But it's not so bad, it's actually kind of fun and it gives my mornings a good "wake the heck up" feeling. So all you non-gym attenders, give it a shot, no contract necessary.

I'm definitely letting my favorite actor down. I have not seen 8MM yet and it's been open for weeks now. I'm sorry

Nicolas, but I just don't have the money. Prices for movies at the Arnot Mall are so expensive that I could probably sell my Doc Marten's and still not have enough. It's almost 8 bucks to go to a night showing. I did get one of those free passes for the \$3.50 Arcadia in Welsboro, but just my luck 8MM isn't playing yet. But I'm crossing my fingers. Thank you, South Side.

Lastly, I would like to talk about the rumor I just heard. Aaron Spelling wanting to put Monica Lewinsky as a new character on one of his shows? Come on now. Are you kidding me? Why? So those of us who watch his weekly hours of superficial story lines can be entertained by jokes of how much semen was found on the Oval Office carpet? Please. Put her on Melrose Place, Mr. Spelling. She'd fit right in.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK :

"A little nonsense now and then, is cherished by the wisest men."

-Willy Wonka

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Letters To The Editor

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. We encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without a signature and phone number. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content, so why should we?

Have you ever seen Bengal Tigers at the mall?

You'll have the chance to be less than 5 feet away from tigers this weekend!

T & D's Cats of the World will have an educational exhibit from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m. this Saturday, March 20 at the Susquehanna Mall.** (Take Rt. 15 South to Selinsgrove)

MU needs to learn some *real* diversity

by: Karen Holgate

staff reporter

This last month we have been learning about diversity. How to recognize differences in others and celebrate them. But my question is how much did this really help? Have we learned anything?

The other day, I was witness to one of the grossest displays of narrow-minded bigotry I have ever seen.

I was eating dinner at Manser with a group of friends. In the far corner there was a

group of guys who didn't appear to be of any consequence. Enter a guy who chooses to wear things that other boys may not.

The group of guys began to laugh, mock, and belittle him quite loudly. Aren't we obligated to respect his choice to be an individual having a lot of problems with so called friends. People she has known for years.

These people make me so mad that I want to go over and chastize them. Put them in an intensive diversity course or rehab for their meanness!

So, what am I trying to

say? We need to start treating people with the common decency they are afforded as human beings. What ever happened to the Golden Rule?

Next time you see someone who is slightly different don't treat them as though they're a freak on display. Or if one of your friends decides to deviate from the norm don't make them feel as though they have a contagious disease.

Come on Mansfield, Show me you can be open minded and understanding of others!

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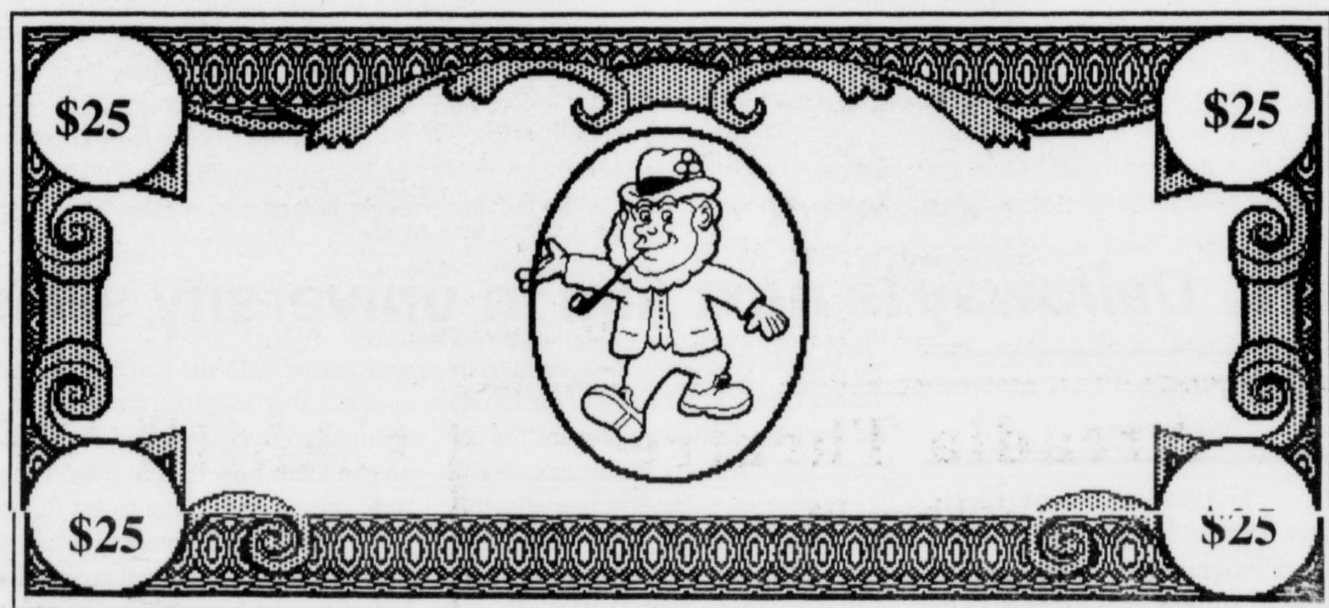
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The Editorial staff will vote for the answer we feel the most original and answers all the parts of the riddle. Winner will receive \$25 credit at the Bookstore. Deadline is 6 pm April 1, 1999. All Flashlight members are ineligible.



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We would like to wish you all good luck!!

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Sigma: Serving the campus and community

by: Lisa Robinson

features editor

The seminar room in Pinecrest is a blur of sound and motion.

"Should we have an agenda?"

Sigma Treasurer Karen Krouse, jumps up from the table and scribbles on the blackboard. "We should!"

Behind her it is laughter and jokes, the moving of chairs and the reaching for cookies which have been placed in the middle of the table. In fact, most of the jokes are about the cookies, because the cookies are slightly charred. No one is willing to take blame for that fact, however. This is the maheim of Sigma, A service organization at Mansfield University's. It is a maheim, however, that quiets when the meeting officially begins.

"Okay guys, this is going to be an official meeting tonight," President Carrie Monell says from her seat at the head of the table. "No talking unless you raise your hand and are called on."

The group is quiet except for the munch of a burnt cookie or two.

"Okay. Creed, everyone!" Monell cries.

The approximately 21 members of the group who are present for the meeting speak in unison.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore I can do or any kindness I can show, let me do it now, let me not defer nor neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."

The group recites the creed before each meeting.

"It is to remind the members of what they are there for," Monell says of the creed.

The meeting goes smoothly but is full of fun. This group does have fun but it is fun which results in something good: successful service projects for the campus and the Mansfield community.

According to Monell, each member of the group is required to participate in the one big service project, which the group does each year, and three individual service projects, chosen

by themselves. This years group service project was AIDS week, as it has been for the past several years.

Monell says the individual service project requirements are being helped by the new Community Service office on the fifth floor in North Hall.

"The Community Service office has been a big benefit," Monell said. "All it is, for the members, is a matter of picking out projects and doing them."

Monell, who has been a member of Sigma for the past five or six semesters, says the group has offered her a way to use her interests in serving the campus and the community.

"Since high school I have been involved in service projects and have loved them," Monell said. "When I came here I was looking for an outlet for my interest. Sororities do service projects as well but with a sorority there is all that other stuff and I just wanted to do service projects."

According to the organizations constitution, the purpose of Sigma is to provide strength to and for the University and the Mansfield community; to strengthen relations between campus and community organizations; to promote high standards of

scholarship; and to perform at least one major service project per semester and encourage and enable as many individual service projects as possible.

A service project which Sigma is currently in charge of is Sigma movie nights at The Hut, each Saturday night. According to Monell this project is run through Student Activities Fees.

Current leadership positions held include: Vice-President, Kim Sapone Secretary, Darcie Goodenough; Rebecca Seamans and Amber Lindquist as Public Relations Chair; Laura Supa and Tia Capone, membership co-chairs; Amanda Davis and Amy Farley as Service Chairs.; and Advisor, Deb Casey.

Sigma meetings are held each Tuesday night at 9:15 p.m. in the seminar room in Pinecrest.

OSCAR PICKS: SHAKESPEARE, RYAN OR ELIZABETH?

by: Jeremy Cheezum

movie reviewer

Well it's that time of the year again and the Oscars are right around the corner and of course since I know my movies I will be able to predict them perfectly. Ha! Ha! In all honesty I follow the movie industry pretty carefully and every year I try to predict them, usually I get two-thirds of them right.

This year is kind of different because the Oscar race is very close in fact I do not believe that I will get half right but these are some of my

predictions:

Best Picture: "Shakespeare in Love" should come away the winner, however, don't be surprised by "Elizabeth" or "Saving Private Ryan". "Life is Beautiful" and "A Thin Red Line" have no chance of winning. "Elizabeth" might win because it's a good movie but not as popular with the regular audience. "Saving Private Ryan" is a spectacular movie and very well might win but remember Steven Spielberg never does well at the Oscars. Remember "The Color Purple"?

Best Actor: The easiest category to pick! Ian McKellen should win for his work in the movie

"Gods and Monsters". Don't be surprised if Nick Nolte pulls an upset.

Best Actress: Cate Blanchett should win for "Elizabeth". Gwyneth Paltrow was in the news more for her relationships than for her acting abilities, I love her but that could hurt her.

Best Supporting Actor: The toughest category!!!! James Coburn will probably win because the Academy likes to honor actors who have been in the business for a while.

Ed Harris deserves it because he is an excellent actor and did something with a nothing part in "The Truman Show". Billy Bob Thornton is amazing in a simple plan. Robert Duvall might be honored because he was

snubbed last year. Finally, Geoffrey Rush has no chance. Sorry!

Best Director: The best director usually decides the best picture, but not always (Oliver Stone won for "Born on the Fourth of July" and "Driving Miss Daisy" won best picture. John Madden should win for "Shakespeare in Love", Spielberg could win. A long shot would be Terrence Malick who made a comeback with "A Thin Red Line". An even longer shot would be Peter Weir for "The Truman Show".

Those are my predictions for the top five, if I'm wrong I'll get over it but just remember to watch the Oscars on Sunday March 21.

Mrs. Dalloway is next film in university series

by: Anji Nolan

staff reporter

In Allen Hall, Thursday night, March 18th at 7:00pm, the Woman's Studies Program, the Provost's Office and MAC showed an adaptation of the 1925 Virginia Wolfe novel, chosen by English Professor John Ulrich. The evening started with Women Studies professor Dr. Lynn Pifer describing upcoming events.

The movie starred actress Vanessa Redgrave, who played Mrs. Dalloway. The opening scene started off in Italy 1918 and focused on a man crouched down behind a barbed wire fence with a gun. He looked around confused and shiftily eyed as his hand clasped the gun barrel. This closed with "Adverts don't come." The next scene showed London - June 13, 1923, with a woman starting in front of a mirror

saying "No God" and "how dangerous the days are." For the rest of the movie we see Mrs. Dalloway prepare for her party. She has many flashbacks, which aren't obvious to the observer that this is the main character at a younger age.

This is contrasted with a man who is suffering from shell shock and keeps having memories of his friend Evan dying. He and Mrs. Dalloway both seem to be caught in time. Clarissa, Mrs. Dalloway at her younger age looks at marriage as a catastrophe.

When the movie was over discussion was led by Librarian Ms. Older and History Professor Orosz.

The controversial scene of two women kissing lip to lip was described by history professor Orosz not to be sexual, this was friendship allowed close personal relationships. "In the Victorian Era, women were not thought as sexual beings."

The movie was followed by a discussion

period with the audience. One audience member described the movie as people trying to recover from war. The shell shock no one knew how to deal with. The parties were prewar and trying to get things back to normal. Post war generation had to cope with problems discovered at certain levels. In this movie they were going to send the mentally ill to Canada.

An audience interpretation is that Mrs. Dalloway chose her path in life and had to live with them compared to the soldier who had the decisions in his life thrust upon him. In the end, as she looks out the window at the grill below, she ponders the young man's death, who she said will always be young. She is devastated about her elder age and then an elderly lady in the next house smiles at her and makes the decision to go back inside. Mrs. Dalloway through parties gives everyone a day to feel important or special.

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Costner is sending messages to moviegoers

by: **Jeremy Cheezum**
staff reporter

I never really liked Kevin Costner, in my opinion he cannot act. The only movie where he showed a little bit of acting ability was in *Dances with Wolves*, but in every other movie he was in he stunk. In the movie *Message in a Bottle* he was not any different. The movie itself was fine but Kevin just could not act.

The movie is about a

Chicago journalist (Robin Wright Penn from *Forrest Gump*) who finds a message in a bottle on the beach at her weekend getaway. This message turns out to be a love letter from a man to his wife. It is supposed to be very touching and sound very touching, and it was. One thing leads to another and an editorial in her paper is published about this one single letter. After a long search Penn finds out where this person lives and goes to meet him. When she meets him she falls in love with

him and everybody is happy right? Wrong!

This is a decent movie because it is not your typical love story. They did not sleep together on the first date, they have problems with each other that they try to solve, and they spend time from each other. In other words this movie is a little more realistic than other love stories. Other than Costner and Penn, Paul Newman has a nice role playing Kevin's dad. Newman is an amazing actor and his talents can be seen in

this movie.

I went to see this movie with my girlfriend and she loved it, she loved it so much that she cried. In other words women will probably like this movie. Men, well I don't really know, some might, and some might not. In all honesty when I went to see this movie it was a late showing and I was very sick and I did not feel like watching Kevin get a beautiful woman like Robin Wright Penn. If you have time and you want a date movie to go and see you might as well go see *Message in a Bottle*. Grade: B

Analyze This: A Psychotic Comedy For Everyone

by: **Ross Raniere**
movie reviewer

Like *Multiplicity* and *Groundhog Day* before it, Harold Ramis has directed another memorable comedy, *Analyze This*. What Ramis did for Michael Keaton and Bill Murray in those films, respectively, he does again for Billy Crystal; the material complements the actor. Crystal's recent projects, *My Giant* and especially *Father's Day*, have been misguided attempts at humor with little comedic payoff.

Analyze This is a refreshingly politically incorrect, occasionally

violent, look at psychiatrist Crystal and his treatment of gangster patient Robert DeNiro. It has more laughs per minute than *There's Something About Mary* did per hour. The premise has been compared to HBO's mob series "The Sopranos," but that show lacks the unlikely but successful comedy team of Crystal and DeNiro.

Robert DeNiro is the Rodney Dangerfield of film comedy: he gets no respect. Much is being made of the apparently hidden comedic talents he reveals in *Analyze This*, but he has always been funny, even in the most psychotic of roles. Check out DeNiro in *The King of Comedy*, *Mad Dog & Glory*, and *Goodfellas* for

ample evidence of his natural ability to incite laughter. While films like *Goodfellas* may not in the comedy section at your local Blockbuster, they all have an underlying black humor missing from your average Pauly Shore vehicle.

Along with instantly vintage performances by its leads, *Analyze This* also boasts hilarious dialogue, co-written by Ramis. Ramis adds another top notch screenplay to his credits, which include *Groundhog Day* and both *Ghostbusters* films.

The film's low-point is the overrated Lisa Kudrow, whose indistinguishable, one-note performance is momentarily confusing. I couldn't tell if I was watching an

episode of "Friends" or *Romy & Michelle's High School Reunion*. She is out of her league and does not have the acting chops to star opposite such high caliber talent.

The other supporting players do a fine job of surrounding DeNiro's large screen presence and add to the manic pace of the film. Even Max Casella, Vinnie on TV's "Doogie Howser, M.D.," has a funny cameo (apparently, he's alive and well). Chazz Palminteri is, as always, particularly notable. While his role is small, it is nice to see him share the screen with DeNiro again, which he did once before in *A Bronx Tale*.

Analyze This does to the underworld what last year's *Mafia* failed to do. It is a comedy you can't refuse. **Scale of Tolerability: Extremely Tolerable**

Cruel Intentions: Sex, Lies, And A Music School

by: **Jenna Rawa**
staff reporter

No, no we're not talking about Mansfield here. Get your minds out of the gutter. We're talking about the new movie *Cruel Intentions* that opened nationwide March 5.

Ryan Phillippe and Sarah Michelle Gellar play step-siblings that want to do quite a bit more with

each other than just your average family bonding. Together as a rich, vindictive team they work to play with people lives for their own personal gain.

A gain that has no material worth, only a sick twisted satisfaction obtained at beating each other at a game that they created together.

It starts as a bet to see if Sebastian, Phillippe's character, can add the new headmaster's daughter onto his list of women.

If he succeeds he also can add his step sister. If he fails Kathryn, Gellar's character, gets to keep his 1956 black Jaguar. Played by Reese Witherspoon, Phillippe's real life girlfriend, Annette Hargrove isn't the usual willing plaything that Sebastian is used to. Portrayed in *Seventeen* magazine, Annette is the virgin who intends to stay that way until marriage. Giving Sebastian everything but that of which he wants, gives his current

sexual conquest a frightening twist. Love.

Throw into the equation an innocent music student in love with her teacher, cocaine, kissing lessons, a juicy journal, and witty sexual insights you've got yourself another Columbia Pictures movie run by seduction, betrayal, and most importantly, as the end will teach you, revenge. Directed by Roger Kumble, I give this film a B-.

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18th Annual MISO Festival

Saturday, April 10 in the North Dining hall
Experience a real multi-cultural festival!
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and entertainment.

General Admission: \$7; Student: \$3;
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*Tickets will also be sold in Manser Lobby on
March 26 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*

Do you have an interest in a childcare facility on campus? Student surveys collecting that information will be available in the Women's Center in Pinecrest as well as the Student Activities Office (209 Memorial). Please feel free to complete one.

MU ADVOCACY VIDEO SERIES

Wednesday at 3:00
in the Women's Center, Rm 102 Pinecrest
March 31 "Rape Aftermath: How Can I Help Her?"

The Non-traditional Student Organization will be having a luncheon/meeting on Tuesday, March 23 in the Caberet room, Memorial Hall. Free lunch will be available at 12:15 with the meeting to follow from 12:30 - 1:30pm. All Non-traditional (i.e. "independent") and commuter students are encouraged to attend.

Rainbow Riders Horseback Riding for the Handicapped is in need of reliable adult volunteers for their 1999 season. No experience needed with horses, just a desire to help over 50 special needs individuals enjoy the sport of riding. For more information call Diana at 570-673-8417, Trudy at 570-549-8159 and Sandy at 570-297-3744.

Are you tired of going to classes? Are you tired of taking notes? Well, here's your chance to have President Halsted go to classes for you! In return, you will have the opportunity to become the President of MU for the day! Sign-up to join in Lower Manser March 19, 23, 24 & 30th. The final drawing will occur on Monday, April 5, 1999. Chances are 25 cents for one and \$1.00 for five chances. ALL proceeds will be donated to the Tioga County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Sponsored by President Halstead and the Student Government Association.

Kappa Alpha Psi

is holding an interest meeting on Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in Lower Memorial. Questions? Call Darren at 662-0191.

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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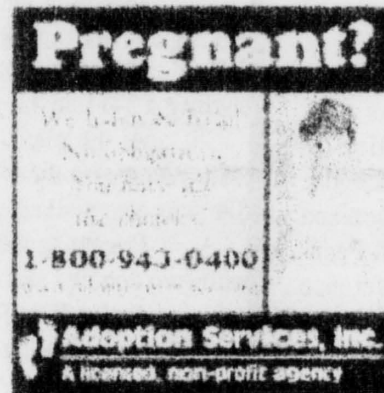
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The Non-Traditional Student Organization is having a "Design Our Logo" contest for their letterhead. Submissions should be on an 8.5" x 11" white paper and should include the address: N.T.S.O./Mansfield University, 209 Memorial Hall, Mansfield, PA 16933. Please include your name, address, phone, and e-mail on the BACK of your submission. Send via campus or regular mail to the address above no later than March 22. Any Questions? Call Mary at 724-8709 or e-mail her at kraussbm@mnsfld.edu.

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MU Men chosen for ECAC team

Mansfield, PA- Mansfield University's Steve Shannon and Tommy Harvey were recently selected to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Men's Basketball Division II South second-team squad, while Harvey was also named to the NCAA Division II East All-Region second team.

The ECAC all-star teams were selected by head coaches and sports information directors representing the region's 27 institutions, while the NCAA All-Region teams were chosen by the sports information directors at NCAA Division II schools. The awards come after Shannon and Harvey were named to the All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) first and second-team units, respectively, on Wednesday.

Harvey, a 5-9 junior guard, led the PSAC East and was second in the PSAC with a 21.2 scoring average. He led the PSAC with 74 steals and is third in the conference with 110 assists. Harvey ranks 22nd in NCAA Division II in scoring and is 12th in steals. He also added 4.2 rebounds a game and hit 53 of his 139 three-point attempts.

Harvey's 508 points this season was the fifth-highest point total for a season in school history. His 129 free throws place him second in school history for a season. For his career, Harvey is seventh in scoring with 1,292 points, sixth with 376 assists and third with 201 steals, 186 three-pointers made and 276 made free throws.

Shannon, a 6-7 senior forward, led the PSAC with a 10.8 rebound-per game average this season and is ranked ninth in NCAA Division II. He finished the season tied for fifth in the PSAC in scoring (16.3) and was sixth in field-goal percentage (.512). Shannon also was second on the team in steals (31) and blocked shots (11) and was third in assists (55). He recorded 16 double-doubles in points and rebounds this season.

Shannon ended his collegiate playing career second in school history with 803 rebounds. His is 10th in school history with 1,231 career points and is listed in the top five at MU in career games played (107), free throws made (305), free throws attempted (437), blocked shots (43), field goals made (463) and field goals attempted (922).

The Mountaineers finished the season 10-16 and 4-8 in PSAC East play.

MU Softball team post a 4-2 record in South Carolina

Mansfield, PA- The Mansfield University women's softball team kicked off the season at the Snowbird Classic in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina last week. The Mounties posted a 4-2 record on the week.

The wins came over New Jersey City College, 6-1 on Monday, March 8th, Delaware Valley College, 12-2 on Tuesday, March 9th, Allentown College, 4-1 on Wednesday, March 10th, and Bentley College, 2-0 on Thursday, March 11th.

Pitchers Kelly Morris and Angi Crater pitched well, both posting a 2-1 record on the week.

Morris, a junior, in 19.0 innings on the mound, allowed four runs, 12 hits, and struck out 28 batters for a 1.11 ERA on the week.

Crater, a sophomore, allowed 15 hits and seven runs in 16 innings, including a 2-0 four-hit shutout against Bentley College.

At the plate, junior centerfielder Megan Williams led the team with a .588 average on the week. In 17 trips to the plate, she had 10 hits and one RBI. She was also walked a team-high five times.

Freshman infielder Kristy Lewis also had a strong showing, hitting .429 with two doubles and one RBI.

Junior Kim Swarts hit two home runs in one game in Mansfield's win over Delaware Valley College. On the week, Swarts batted .250 with six RBIs and one double.

The Mounties return to action this weekend when they travel to West Virginia Wesleyan College for another tournament.

MU Baseball is successful in Florida

Mansfield, PA- The Mansfield university baseball team recently finished a spring break trip to Fort Myers, Fla. where the Mounties posted a 9-4 record and a victory over the 13th ranked team in the nation. It is the Mounties best Florida record since going 8-3 in 1995.

The trip started and ended in exciting fashion. In Mansfield's first game, against Salem-Teikyo University March 5, junior pitcher Kris Kann (Newville; Big Spring) broke the school record for most strikeouts in a seven-inning game. He fanned 16 batters and only gave up two hits and two walks. The Mounties dropped the game 2-0 with both runs crossing the plate unearned.

Mansfield defeated 13th ranked Indianapolis University, 2-1 in 11 innings, on Sunday, March 14 in the Mounties final game of the trip. Sophomore Matt Edwards (Quakertown/Quakertown) singled home the winning run in the top of the 11th to score Adam Lewis (Feasterville; Neshaminy). Freshman Greg Martin (Moscow/Western Wayne) struck out 11 batters and allowed just three hits over the first 8 1/3 innings. He was relieved by senior Chris McGee (Laceyville; Elk Lake), who earned the win, while Kann pitched the bottom of the 11th to earn the save.

Lewis started all 13 games on the trip, and leads all MU regulars with a .444 batting average and has four doubles, 15 RBI, and 10 runs scored. Edwards posts a .419 average with 11 RBI and junior Chad Swogger (Tyrone; Bellwood-Antis) is hitting .410 with two home runs and 12 RBI.

McGee is 2-0 with one save and 16 strikeouts on the mound, and hasn't allowed a run in 8 1/3 innings of work in four games. Kann is 2-1 with a save and an ERA of 1.13, while Bill Allen (Towanda; Towanda) is 1-0 with an 1.80 ERA. Martin is 1-1 with a 1.86 ERA and 23 strikeouts in 19 1/3 innings.

Mansfield will compete in the Virginia Tournament this weekend at Hampton Roads, Va. Bloomsburg University, Concord College (W. Va.) and Davis & Elkins College (W. Va.) join Mansfield in the four-team field.

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Cipolla in NCAA national swimming tournament

Mansfield University sophomore Candace Cipolla competed in the NCAA Division II National Swimming Championship at Buffalo on March 13 and 14. Cipolla is only the second swimmer in MU history to compete in the NCAA Division II National Swimming Championship. Cipolla finished 12th in the 100 meter backstroke. She had been in ninth place after the first 50 meters and was 12th at the halfway point. She finished with a time of 2:12.54.

The top eight finishers are awarded All-American honors. The 12th place finish earns Cipolla honorable mention All-American recognition.

Still Cipolla had the second best showing ever for the Mountaineers at the National Championship with a 28th team finish.

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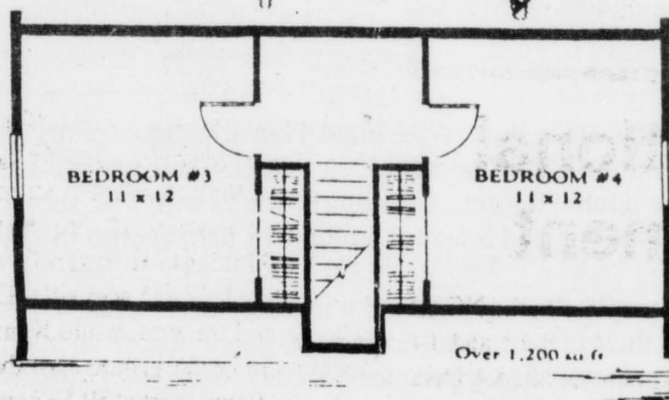
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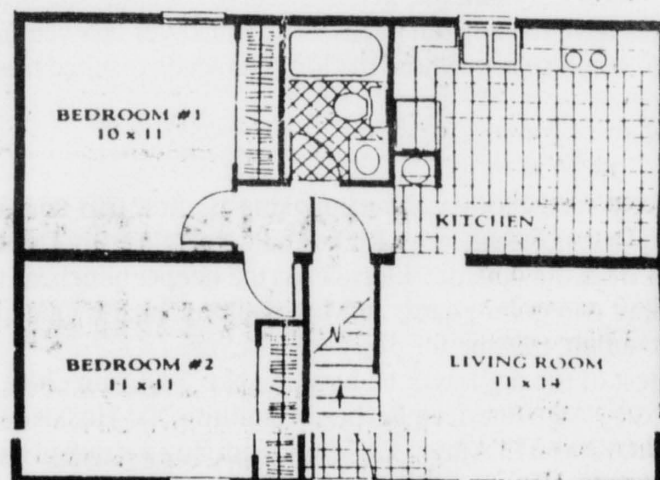
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March Madness has colleges everywhere hoping for #1

by: Darren DeVoue

staff reporter

Tonight marks the beginning of the Sweet 16 in the 1999 NCAA men's basketball tournament. By the time this weekend is over, the Final 4 will have been determined. The tournament has always been lauded for its high level of excitement and this year is no different. The Sweet 16 this year is comprised of heavily favored teams (Duke and UConn), upstart teams (Maryland and St. John's), emotional story lines (Iowa), and 4 possible cinderella squads (Gonzaga, Miami of Ohio, Oklahoma, and SW Missouri). And now the breakdown...

SOUTH REGION:

No. 3 seeded St. John's (27-8) will square off against No. 2 seeded Maryland (28-5) in what is this round's most anticipated match up. Both teams feature high scoring offense and disrupting defense. St. John's is led by the versatile Ron Artest (14.8 ppg) and Junior College transfer Bootsy Thorton (14.7 ppg). All five starters average in double figure for the Red Storm. St. John's is coming off a dominating win over Indiana. Maryland, although not as balanced as their opponent, has some weapons of their own. High flying JC transfer Steve Francis (17.2 ppg) leads the Terrapins along with senior forward Laron Profit (14.7 ppg). Maryland's advantage over the Red Storm mainly centers on a deeper bench and a more experienced point guard in senior Terrell Stokes (4.2 ppg and 6.3 apg). However the Storm counters with it's balance, versatility, and the fact that freshman Erick Barkely (13.2 ppg and 4.5 apg) outranks his Maryland counterpart in every category besides assists. This is the first trip to the round of 16 for both teams since 1992. The Terps are favored by three.

In this region's second game, No. 4 seeded Ohio State (25-8) will square off against No. 1 seeded Auburn (29-3). Ohio State are a year removed from a disastrous 8-22 season. Their 15.5 game turnaround represents the best improvement since the such records were tracked in 1974. The Buckeyes are led by the dynamic back court of Scoonie Penn (16.7 ppg) and Michael Redd (19.6 ppg). Their front court will have to stay out of foul trouble and rebound against the Tigers in order to win. The Southeastern Conference champion Tigers are led by All-SEC forward Chris Porter (16.0 ppg and 8.6 rpg) and Scott Pohlman (42 pts. in 2 tourney wins). Auburn is enjoying its most successful season since Charles Barkley's playing days there ('83). The Tigers have the edge in depth. The Buckeyes last venture this far was a 1992 Elite Eight loss in overtime to Michigan. Auburn is a 5 pt. favorite. This is the only region where the top four seeds reached this round.

WEST REGION:

In the first game No. 6 seed Florida (22-8), making its first trip this far into March Madness since their 1994 Final Four trip, squares off against Gonzaga (27-6). The Gators, coached by Rick Pitino disciple Billy Donovan, play Kentucky style ball. They will look to press the Zags into submission and assault them from the outside. Florida has the deeper bench, as two reserves average double figures. Gonzaga counters with 3 pt. shooting of their own and they play two point guards in Matt Santangelo and Quentin Hall (combined 24.4 ppg and 8.6 apg) which will help against the Florida press. Interestingly enough, the line for this game is even.

The last contest of the night will be between No. 1 UConn (30-2) and No. 5 seed Iowa (20-9). UConn is on a mission for it's elusive first trip to the Final Four. Led by All-American Richard Hamilton, the Huskies force turnovers with their press and get solid point guard play from honorable mention All-American, Khalid El Amin. El-Amin is nursing a strained hamstring that was aggravated during practice Monday. Iowa is looking to keep extending the career of coach Dr. Tom Davis who is being released by the program that he revived. The Hawkeye players are riding this emotional high as far as it will take them. In order for it to take them past the Huskies, Iowa must handle the UConn press and keep El-Amin in check. That might not be such a tall order since the Hawkeyes beat Arkansas in the last round. Arkansas was similar to UConn in their pressing tendencies and that the Hogs also had a solid point guard in Kareem Reid. UConn will take the floor tonight as 12 pt. favorites.

MIDWEST REGION:

Another cinderella, No. 10 seed Miami of Ohio (24-7), looks to keep on dancing tomorrow against defending National Champion, and No. 3 seed, Kentucky (27-8). Kentucky has not received much fanfare for a defending champ, but the Wildcats are experienced and deep. Miami will once again rely on senior forward Wally Szczerbiak (67 points in two tourney games) to score and draw defensive attention from his teammates. Kentucky is coming off a thrilling overtime win over Kansas to advance here. The Wildcats thrive off of turnovers and clutch play from senior leaders Wayne Turner and Scott Padgett. Padgett and Turner were forces in overtime of the Kansas game. Kentucky's vast tournament experience (3 national finals appearances in the past 4 seasons) gives them the edge in this game. An odds line for this and all Friday games were not available at press time.

The first game in this region will see No. 1 seed Michigan State take on No. 13 seed Oklahoma. Michigan State is one of the more blended teams left in the tournament, because no player leads in more than one major statistical category. The Spartans' leading scorer, Morris Peterson, comes off the bench, further displaying this teams unselfishness. However the Spartans have the wild card in All-American point guard Mateen Cleaves, who takes over in crunch. Oklahoma can't be happier to be where they are since they were the last at-large team given a tourney bid. Michigan State's chemistry and size make it a tall order for the Sooners to overcome. The Spartans are many people's "darkhorse" for the national championship.

EAST REGION

The first game of this region will witness tourney favorite, and No. 1 seed Duke (34-1) against another cinderella in No. 12 seed SouthWest Missouri (22-10). Duke is loaded with talent inside and outside on the bench and has an experienced coach. The Blue Devils have been quite dominate in their first two tourney games as well as most of the regular season. Duke is led by space-eater Elton Brand, outside shooter Trejan Langdon, and defensive stopper William Avery. Duke appears to overmatch the Bears in every category. However, the Bears have been overmatched as recently as the second round when they faced second seeded Tennessee. SW Missouri showed how much they were impressed by beating Tennessee by 30 points. The bears have an experienced coach of their own in Steve Alford, who was the 1987 Final Four MVP for Indiana.

In the last game of the Sweet 16, No. 6 seed Temple will face No. 10 seed Purdue. Both teams are tournament tested, but this figures to be the most defensive game of this round. Purdue is led by senior forward Brian Cardinal (11.1 ppg) who will have to battle Temple forward Lamont Barnes (12.8 ppg) in the paint at both ends of the floor. The key to the game will be defense. The Boilermakers must be efficient offensively against Temple's match up zone. On the flip side, the Owls senior back court of Rasheed Brokenbrough (11.9 ppg) and floor general Pepe Sanchez (Atlantic 10 Conference leader in steals). Sanchez' ability to maintain poise and set his teammates up could be the difference for Temple who has not been to the Elite Eight since 1991.

Well that is the Sweet 16. Keep your eyes open for the teams heading to St. Petersburg for the Final 4.

**Go see the Chinese Acrobats on
Thursday Straughn Auditorium at
7:30 pm.**

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MU discusses bringing a Day Care Center to campus

by Liz Visotski

staff reporter

A Decker.....Finally, the title and the general sentiments of the gathered participants of the discussion held in 104-106 Pinecrest Wednesday March 24. The discussion was founded by the President's Commission on the Status of Women. Vice President of Finance Bill Yost and Vice President for Student Affairs Joe Maresco met with interested students and faculty to discuss the question of a Decker to be erected on campus. Yost

started off the discussion informing the assembled multitude that this was in no way a new question or a snap decision. The idea for a Decker has been bounced around for years but was squashed in 1994 in a budget crunch. The problems now include finding a proper location for the facility and locating funds.

Vice President Yost said that there were three things that needed to be done for the project to get underway: how to design the facility and where to locate it, survey the campus population for an idea of usage such a facility could get, and to solicit outside contracts.

The university is look-

ing for an outside organization to contract the running of the Decker, as well as an architect to design the facility. Child care services offered by other universities have been studied to get an idea for what might work best on this campus. It has been decided that the facility will cater to children from 18 months to school age because of the restrictions and high costs that apply to accepting children younger than that.

Officials expect a strong enrollment as reported by the already returned survey forms. Space will be granted first to the dependents of students, then faculty, and if room

remains, members of the community. Projected opening date would hopefully be January, providing that construction begins by this summer.

Several of those in attendance made mention that students from various majors could work at the Decker as part of their course work. This is an approach used in other state universities that has seemed to yield promising results.

The plan is for the facility to be self-supporting, but still not prohibitively expensive. Hope is that the Committee on Finance would be able to free up some money to support tuition. There is also hope that someone

would donate money to sponsor the building and the Decker. Most likely the facility will not be a preschool program, but just a place where children can be safe while their parents continue their studies or work at the university. Surveys are available around campus for students and faculty to express their feelings about the facility. They can be picked up in the Womens Resource Center, Memorial, and various offices around campus. They can be returned to Vice President Yost's office.

Burial mounds and fire pits are subjects of lecture series

by Darren DeVoue

staff reporter

On Wednesday, March 24th, at North Dining Hall, Anthropology Professor Dr. Ann Mabe gave a lecture on burial mounds and fire pits.

Dr. Mabe, being a recognized archaeologist, led the exhuming expeditions that was presented to the large audience that was in attendance. A burial mound was a grave site in past ages. Instead of headstones, dirt piled as high as 4 feet high, was used to mark the graves. A fire pit had many uses such as heat, cooking, and celebration.

There were two ex-

peditions, one local and one overseas, that were the basis for the presentation.

The first expedition took place in 1997, at a site in Russia. At this site Dr. Mabe and her staff worked with a team from Russia. There were various slides shown from this expedition mainly showing the findings at these sights. The minority of the slides showing the fun of archaeology.

Dr. Mabe noted that unfortunately some of the articles retrieved from the Russian site were slightly damaged during excavation.

In the second expedition of the presentation, Dr. Mabe displayed slides of an expedition done right here in Southern Tioga County. The site was located at

Shedd's farm, a neighboring property of the presenter's. At this site, Dr. Mabe and her team hosted the Russian team who assisted them in the excavation of articles.

Both excavation sites proved to be hosts to similar articles such as pots, daggers, belt clasps, etc. Bones of people and animals buried were common at both sites due to the burial mounds. In fact, one mound found was that of a king who was buried with 100 horses to accompany him to the afterlife. Such customs were common in that age.

According to the lecture, the articles retrieved from both sites dated back to the early Iron Age (600 B.C. to 300 A.D.). This would mean that

these articles can be up to 2600 years old.

Dr. Mabe began the conclusion of the lecture by comparing the difference between working a site in Russia as compared to the same in the U.S. In Russia, there aren't many regulations governing excavation sites.

While in America many forms must be filled out, and a person must be a recognized archaeologist. Also, the presenter noted that in Russia digging was more "brutal" to the sight, hence some of the articles being damaged during retrieval.

At the sight here, Dr. Mabe only allowed her people to go four centimeters at a time. The speaker noted that this stipulation did not please her big

shovel using counterparts from Russia. The lecture was then opened to questions from the audience.

This upcoming summer, Dr. Mabe and her team will pack their bags and shovels and dust brushes and head overseas to Russia. This opportunity is actually being offered as a Field Study 500 level course this summer and can be used for 6-12 credits.

This lecture was a part of the Film and Lecture Series that is being put on by Mansfield University. The next in the lecture series will be held on Wednesday, March 31, at 4 p.m. in North Manser. The lecture is entitled "Off Hollywood: A Diary of Low Budget Filmmaking" and is being given by Mark Polonia.

Chinese acrobat troupe leaves its mark in Mansfield

by Leah Phillips

staff reporter

On Thursday, March 25, The World Famous Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats took over Straughn Auditorium. The show was full of amazing acts and very talented people. The troupe wowed the audience of 405 into a nervous silence.

The troupe, made up of eight young women and ten young men, worked together as they took on amazing feats of balance. With about ten different segments, the young

women and men were right hands to one another, especially when the one below them was holding their every inch in the palm of their hand. Many of the acts featured the acrobats using different objects to enhance and raise the difficulty of their performances. Some of the objects they utilized were sticks, a picture, umbrellas, basketballs, bowls, something resembling a yo-yo, jump ropes, and many other objects.

During the performance the audience seemed hesitant to applaud. Perhaps it was that we were so amazed that we could not get our mouths off the ground, or more likely we did not want to disrupt their concentration. All

in all, it appeared that most enjoyed the talents of these young people especially since most of the audience are not as flexible.

After the show, Joe Tish Tour Manager said that the kids are from Tian Jin, China where they attend Acrobatics School. All the acrobats that performed have been training for at least seven years and range in age from 15-20. Danny Chang Producer and Director goes to the different schools in China and runs auditions to choose his dancers. When he finds a school with the skill level he wishes, he individually chooses the dancers for his program, then rehearsals begin.

The tour for this troupe began in January and will commence on April 12. Currently there are four tours going on around the world from the same school. The one that performed here will be the last to return home.

According to Tish, the type of education the acrobats receive is different because China has a different way of educating its acrobats. They learn acrobatics about six hours six days a week and learn mathematics and the Chinese language two hours a day for the same six days.

For the three years that Tish has been Tour Managing he has not had to deal with a seri-

ous injury. According to Tish the acrobats carry a lot of their own medicine, they do not really care for Western medicine. Luckily, he added, the worst injury is sore joints.

For all those who attended and wanted to know what the flags said, they say Mulan. Yes, that is for the young woman Disney made the movie on.

The Chinese acrobats were brought to Mansfield by the Student Activities Office and Mansfield Activities Council funded by Student Activities Fees.

Tibetan monks subject of controversy in Slippery Rock

from the Associated Press

Slippery Rock, Pa. - A school board member called a group of Tibetan monks' plan to visit an elementary school "just another multi-cultural, one-world crock" as he and other board members decided not to allow them in the door.

Bill Adams and other Slippery Rock School District board members on Friday also canceled a high school field trip for older students to see the monks during their three-day visit to Slippery Rock Univer-

sity, about 35 miles north of Pittsburgh.

Board member Joan Courtney called the monks "pagans" and questioned their visit to the university, saying it was promoting paganism in a Christian community.

The monks arrived in Slippery Rock on Thursday for a sold-out performance at the university's Miller Auditorium. Tashi Jamyangling, a translator for the monks and coordinator of their trip, and said their tour is intended to expose others to their culture and raise funds for their monastery funds.

He translated meanings of the monks' chants, songs, and dances during their Thursday performance, but encouraged listen-

ers to reflect on their own beliefs.

"Religion is very much a part of our lives," Jamyangling said. "But our mandate is not to recruit Buddhists or to convert people. Our purpose of coming home is to share our culture. The purpose is not to promote Buddhism."

Courtney said laws that prevent schools from promoting religion in public school classrooms prompted the board's decision. She said the monks' religion is part of their culture, and Buddhist principles shouldn't be taught when Christian principles are prohibited.

Jamyangling said

the monks would respect the board's position.

"I do understand their feeling," he said. "If it is legislated, a law is a law, and it must be abided by."

Several Slippery Rock Area High School students opposed the board's decision Friday.

But parent Linda Desmond of Slippery Rock, who has a child in third grade at Slippery Rock Area Elementary, was pleased with the board's action.

"If my God can't be in that school, I don't want anybody's God in that school," said Desmond, who is Baptist. "They don't need to learn about a bunch of nomads who don't have a country. Who cares about Tibet? I think we need to worry

about teaching kids about Christ instead of learning about other religions that aren't significant."

Jacki Muller, assistant to Slippery Rock University President G. Warren Smith, said the elementary school visit and high school field trip were intended to give students a glimpse into a different culture.

"It was one way of reaching out the community," she said. "This was one of the things we thought would help provide more broad-based perspective of different cultures and internationalism. We thought it was in keeping with our mission, and we still do."

PA NOW bringing speaker to campus

Women's Art Exhibit opens

by Holly Blyler
staff reporter

As part of Women's History Month this March, the Mansfield University Women's Studies Program has planned a list of events.

This week highlights an art exhibit featuring the talented women of MU including faculty, students, and staff. The annual art show has been one of the most successful events of Women's Arts & Cultures month over the last seven years. The exhibit opened at noon on Mon., March 22 in the Women's Center (room 102 Pinecrest). It will be open Tuesday through Thursday, March 25th, 10am - 3pm.

Here is a list of upcoming events in honor of Women's History Month at MU:

8th Annual
National Student Conference

on Campus

Sexual Violence. Friday - Sunday 3/26 - 3/28

WAC Event: Tues. 3/30 7p.m in North Dining Hall. Women's

Center: Lecture by PA NOW President, Barbara DiTullio, "Young Activists:

Up Against It All the Time." This event is free and open to the public.

Advocacy Issues Video Series: 3/31 @ 3p.m. Women's

Center: "Rape Aftermath: How Can I Help Her?" Discussion will follow the video.

Women's Arts & Cultures events are coordinated by the MU Women's Studies Program and co-sponsored by The President's Women's Commission and the office of the Associate Provost.

special to the Flashlight

The Women's Studies program and Tioga County NOW (National Organization for Women) are co-sponsoring a talk by Barbara DiTullio, the president of Pennsylvania NOW on Tuesday, March 30th at 7 p.m. in Pinecrest 102.

Barbara is a 49-year old single mother with two grown children. She has been an activist in the women's movement since joining NOW in 1983, and in January 1994, she assumed the office of President of Pennsylvania NOW. In October 1995, Philadelphia Magazine named Barbara one of the 50 most influential women in Philadelphia. In July 1995, U.S. News & World Report focused on Barbara as a "liberal activist" who "was instrumental in organizing Philadelphia's first Leadership Summit on Affirmative

Action in decades."

In addition to Barbara's organizational skills as an activist, she is a certified diversity trainer and mediator. She has conducted workshops on multicultural awareness for mostly non-profit organizations, and has participated as a consultant/facilitator for groups of teachers, parents, and students. She sees her work in the women's movement as an extension of her commitment to eliminate all forms of oppression in our society.

Before taking the position as President of PA NOW, Barbara owned and operated a small computer services business for 14 years. Her specialty was database development and customizing applications for clients. In 1992, she closed the business and devoted full-time to diversity awareness and education. Since 1989 she has been a counseling teacher and support group leader for a world-wide peer counseling network.

Barbara is Puerto Rican and Irish, and grew up in a blue

collar, working-class family in Southwest Philadelphia where she still resides. She has served on the following boards: Community Human Relations Commission (CHRB) in Media, Delaware County; Delaware County Women's Conference, Inc. which she helped to incorporate, Chester East Side Caucus (a community revitalization project); Children and Prents Support, Inc. (a group formed to help women with child support enforcement); and Pennsylvania Alliance for Democracy (state-wide fight the right group). Barbara was elected in 1996 to serve on the Board of the National Organization for Women from the Mid-Atlantic Region.

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217 Memorial

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POLICE BEAT

3/17/99 Between 1700 and 18:23 a vehicle was vandalized in the T-parking lot. It was found sprayed with shaving cream and wrapped with tissue paper. This criminal mischief is under investigation.

3/19/99 In the B-parking lot a Mansfield University Students vehicle was damaged while parked legally. Vehicles entire length of driver's side (bumper to bumper) severely scratched by unknown persons in an unknown manner. Ultimate value damage unknown at this time. This is still under investigation.

3/21/99 Theft of unlawful taking in A Lot. Student reporting items taken from his unlocked vehicle (No force). A JVC speaker, 2 boxes and subwoofer. Items easily identified by victim. Anyone with information should call campus at 662-4900. Total value \$140.00 case under investigation.

3/22/99 Mansfield University employee reports items stolen from his vehicle. One (1) ball cap Navy blue worded 'Quicksilver;' Also 1 case of Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer total value \$36.00. This is still under investigation.

3/23/99 Female student, 18 year old Rebecca Jean Ann Hart is being charged with disorderly conduct, after breaking glass out of the housing for the fire hose as she was leaving fourth floor Cedarcrest after an argument.

If you have any information pertaining to any of the cases still under investigation, please call the Campus Police at 662-4900 or 662-4901. Someone will be there 24-7 to take your call.

Club Canada presents film

by Karen Holgate
staff reporter

In the tradition of Saturday Night Live and SCTV, The Royal Canadian Air Farce is bringing sketch comedy to new levels.

Monday night in the North Hall screening room, Club Canada presented a film of the comedy troupe's classic sketches.

RCAF included several commercial parodies, po-

litical skits, and some fun news-casts. They showed a great deal of creativity and originality. Although, much of the humor was geared toward a Canadian audience, much of it was about people and events that are notorious in Canada. This made it a bit hard to follow.

It also varies from the format by being performed on stage rather than in a TV studio. This makes for interesting acoustics. Much of the time there was a slight echo.

The make-up on ac-

tors tends to be heavily caked on. It is intended for stage not television.

But overall, the show was fun to watch and a terrific forum for learning about Canadian culture. This was a bit distracting at times. Men aren't meant to wear lip-stick.

This program was sponsored by Student Activity Fees and Canadian Studies Funds. It was nice to see Club Canada out there trying to inform the students about other cultures.



PHILOSOPHY CLASS @ MU



"He Said-She Said"

presented by: Katie Koestner and Brett Sokolow
plenary speakers

Saturday, March 27, 1999
8-10 p.m

Straughn Auditorium

The 8th Annual National Student Conference on Campus
Sexual Violence

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Mildew Anyone??

Our weekly commentary ponders leaky radiators and preformance fleece

by : Jenna Rawa
staff reporter

First and foremost this week I'd like to get the attention of those who live in a dorm. I advise all of you to check your radiators for leaks every so often. There have been 3 reported cases of radiator problems in this week alone and one of those happen to be mine. I found my leak two weeks too late and now mildew has ruined my carpet. It's a hassle but checking for it will save you the trouble later. If you find a leak or any other problem that could potentially cause damage, notify your RA and get a work order form in right away.

Onto a topic with a pleasant scent, spring. I'm so excited for this glorious season. Apparently it began last week but I guess with the random snow fall and 90 mph frigid winds, I must have missed that transition. These once a week

nice days are certainly a tease but they give everyone a bit of hope that maybe the wonderful weather will continue for longer periods of time and we can all break out the sandals and be a bit happier.

I worked at Old Navy for a year and whenever that would come up in conversation with anyone they'd reply, "Really? Those commercials are stupid." You think so, buddy? Thanks, because I wasn't sure. Just because one works at an establishment doesn't mean that they wrote, cast, and produced the advertisements for it. That's like saying to a bartender, "Really? I almost lost my intestines while puking up Jack Daniels last week." Completely irrelevant.

Yes, the Old Navy commercials are slightly dumb and irritating when you can't stop singing about drawstring pants, but it got your attention didn't it? And I bet all of you own some sort of cargo type clothing, correct? That's what I thought. Sing with me now.... "Old Navy, Old Navy,

Performance Fleece!" I like the blue ones.

Lastly, I want to touch upon the ever-building excitement of all that are anxiously awaiting Wrestlemania XV this weekend. The ever popular Stone Cold Steve Austin is fighting The Rock and oh what a match it'll be. Will Stone Cold be checking in at the Smack Down Hotel? Stay tuned, jabronies.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I have opinions of my own -- strong opinions -- but I don't always agree with them."

- George Bush

EDITORIAL

Hello again, Mansfieldians. I am happy to be back to writing an actual column again. Unfortunately, though, I am sick, as I have been for the past 4 weeks. Some of you may say "Go to the doctor." Well, I am a step ahead of you there. I went to the doctor's office at home over Spring Break, with just a case of laryngitis. He in turn told me that I had bronchitis, and he also decided that I needed to go for a CAT scan to see if my sinuses were screwed up. Mind you, this appointment was on Friday of break, so I didn't get the results til the following Monday. These results were that yes, my sinuses were screwed up. He had me on medication that was making me sick, and now I find out, 2 weeks after we get the tests back, that I was on the wrong medication because this medication isn't helping me at all, and that my sinuses are so bad that I have to go to a specialist. Don't doctors go through years of training to avoid problems like this? Sometimes the world around me just astounds me.

Speaking of the world around me, I would like to just bring up the National Conference on Campus Sexual Violence that is being held on campus this weekend. I know many of you may not completely understand it, but it really is a very big deal to our school and the community. Word has it that MU students get in free to all events if they go and register on Friday or Saturday. So check it out! Til next time!

The latest news from Phi Beta Lambda

By: Nichole Canale

Hello again students. We the members of Phi Beta Lambda would like to let you know what has been going on in our organization over the last few weeks. We all had a great spring break and are now in our last week of pledging. Our eleven pledges have been doing a great job. Keep up the good work! Recently we had a St. Patrick's Day raffle and the winner was Meredith Burris. Congratulations! The Gertrude Hawk candy sales are over for this year, but thank you to all that purchased candy. We will be having another basket raffle for Easter and the tickets will go on sale Monday, March 29th.

Five of our brothers participated in the Milk Trivia contest in Manser and took a first place win. Way to go brothers! Our chapter will be attending the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference on March 26th and 27th and hope to take first place prizes in all events. We are also taking part in the March of Dimes walk in Towanda and we encourage others to take part also. Helping others less fortunate than ourselves is a goal we strive for in Phi Beta Lambda.

Phi Beta Lambda is a great organization and we encourage students to get involved. For information about Phi Beta Lambda talk to a brother or Dr. Kutty in Elliot Hall room 103. Our meetings are Wednesday at 9 p.m. in Memorial Hall room 204.

New Kids On The Block: Back in 1999?

by: Karen Holgate
staff reporter

The year was nineteen eighty nine. I had an obsession. New Kids on the Block. I had sheets, a comforter, pillows, all five dolls, posters, giant pins, small pins, everything and anything they made I had to have it. I listened to the CDs while watching the videos in my t-shirts. I had plans to marry Joey and Jordan was to be my second husband after I divorced Joe. We'd still be friends though.

My brothers were death metal fans. And not amused with my little addic-

tion. We had serious music wars. They blared Metallica and AC/DC while I blasted Hangin' Tough and NKOTB. They did unspeakable things to my Donnie Doll and Gene Simmons was never the same when I got through with him.

After several years of this, my brothers put me through their own personal NKOTB rehab program. There were twelve steps that I followed religiously. I came out a whole person again. I began the 90's with a whole new outlook. Older, wiser, and obsession free.

Flash forward to the present. I'm home alone on Spring Break, listening to some tunes on the radio. Who should come on but Joe

McIntire with a song from his new album. Okay, I can handle this. I'm stronger than the addiction. I'll just change the station.

When I come back to school I'm relaxing watching a bit of MTV Spring Break. Who should appear before me but little Joey himself. And he ain't so little anymore. And who should be standing beside him in a tight muscle shirt but Jordan Knight. Here is where I began to feel myself wain. I mean they were still hot.

Now everywhere I go I hear Joe's new song, or I see them on TV. I don't know if I can take it. Maybe we could form a support group. I really need a sponsor. Because if I'm left unchecked I may just go into the attic and pull out all that old stuff.

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The Flashlight is always intersted in what our readers are thinking. We encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without a signature and phone number. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content, so why should we?

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Flashlight reporters need etiquette MU professor says his goodbyes

I would like to address the behavior of a certain Flashlight staff reporter concerning the way I was approached at the Beehive concert last week. During the show I was chosen to participate in the "Beehive Dance" by one of the Beehive girls. Reluctantly, I stood up from my seat and did the twist for about two minutes. During intermission a young girl ran over to me and, without any sort of introduction, demanded that I give her my name. I questioned her as to why she wanted my name and, after mumbling something, she

asked for my name again. I eventually gave her my name because it seemed to be the only way I could make her go away. I later found out that this girl was a Flashlight reporter. There was no need for her to use this approach because I would have gladly given her my name when she first asked if she would have simply introduced herself and her cause. I would appreciate it if the Flashlight would address this problem. Thank you. Amy Parker

To the editor:

As many people on campus already know, the Department of History and Political Science has recently completed one of two searches for tenure track historians. Although we still have several weeks left in the semester I would like to take this opportunity to say my goodbyes. It has been an honor and a privilege to have been a member of the Mansfield University community. I wish

Dr. Gaskiewicz, the university, and most importantly, the students, all the best. Sincerely,
Kenneth J. Orosz
Department of History and Political Science

Look for the winner of our riddle contest (as well as other really good answers) in next week's special April Fool's issue of the Flashlight.

The Flashlight is looking to fill many positions. These include: reporters for news, features, and sports, office staff, layout/design people, and artistic design people. This is a great resume and portfolio builder. Journalism majors, it's a must! Join us for our meetings on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. in 217 Memorial, stop by during layout all day Thursdays, or call us at x. 4986. We are looking forward to working with you! Help make your school paper great.

Corrections

---In our backpage article last week, it was falsely reported that Tennessee was ranked second in the East Region. The Tennessee team was actually ranked fourth.

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Faculty profile.....

Dr. Andrew Longoria: Still teaching and directing and loving it.

by Jenna Rawa

staff reporter

Walking into the office filled with books, big chairs, and more books, I was greeted with a smile. Come to think of it, I don't think I've ever seen Dr. Andrew Longoria without a smile. His cheerful disposition and passion for his profession are just two characteristics of this very dedicated man that has worked and still is working, very hard in a job that he loves.

Born in Auburn, WA just thirty miles south of Seattle, Longoria and his three siblings grew up in a family where they were always encouraged to do artistic things. He began

his theatre studies at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in NYC. He earned his B.A. in Communications/Theatre with a minor in English from Lindfield College and also a Certificate in German from the University of Vienna in the same year. Later he moved on to receive both his M.A. and his Ph.D in Theatre from the University of Oregon.

According to Longoria, teaching was sort of a last minute decision because he was still unsure about it even through his graduate work. Having always been involved in acting coaching, he was very encouraged to continue on to become a teacher. He has been here in Mansfield for seven years now and feels that the theatre program is small with much interest in growing. He also feels it has great potential. Every year

it continues to grow and Longoria couldn't be happier. "I love it here," he said.

If teaching twelve classes throughout the years and being involved in four productions a year wasn't enough, Longoria is also the faculty advisor for three organizations on campus. He advises Alpha Psi Omega, Mansfield University Dramatics, and Eta Beta Tau. He has received numerous awards and honors including two KC/ACTF Certificates of Merit for Stage Direction. One for his direction in the 1994 production of *The School for Wives* and the second for last year's production of *Scotland Road*. He also is involved with conference and workshop presentations, tours, special programs, and campus and community service.

Working on four productions a year, Longoria directs two of them. He has

started a project called the Centennial Series. This is where one play a year is done that is at least one hundred years old. This year's part of the Centennial Series is *As You Like It*, which has just turned four hundred years old. Longoria is very excited to be directing a Shakespearean work, this one is the first in a decade. His other directing project this year was *Collected Stories*.

Sinking in a leather chair, I listened to Dr. Longoria give me his advice about life in general to students. "I can't urge people enough to get as much education as you can. The only way to keep from sinking into a black abyss is by using what you know," he says, still smiling. Dr. Longoria has certainly followed his own advice. His past, present, and future are very bright.

For Your Information ...

The MU Honors Program and going to Europe

by Camilla Nhamercedes

staff reporter

This spring, two applicants chosen from MU's Honors Program will go to Europe with "Tempus Mirabile: Renaissance and Reformation Studies in Europe". Studies at California University of PA from June 12th through the 21st will precede travel in Europe from June 22nd through July 9th.

Rome, Florence, Venice, Rothenburg, Nuremburg, the Frankisches Freilandmuseum, Utrecht, and London will be traversed and absorbed in just eighteen days. Students will be supported by scholarships covering all of their necessary expenses.

As the flyer from Cal. U. states, "the core program of studies, including visits to the Carnegie and Frick Museums in Pittsburgh (will be followed by) examining, exploring, and enjoying the original artifacts of the Renaissance and Reformation, as well as their counter-movements across the actual landscapes where the events occurred and people lived in order to examine the artifacts in the only places where they can be studied. By design, our program will be 'hands-on', individualized, and 'interactive'".

The MU Undergraduate Catalog says that the "Honors Program features innovative course work, chal-

lenging subjects, and unique opportunities for cultural enrichment. (It encompasses) a dynamic learning environment that includes small classes, unique courses, collaborative and individual research projects, as well as field-based educational experiences".

When asked what experience he has had in helping the MUHP live up to these high expectations, Honors Program Director, Dr. Michael Chester, said he has had some success in expanding the Honors course offerings.

"Dr. Kirby has agreed to cross list his Ecology course with Honors, next fall," Chester said. "This course will satisfy the Field Methods requirement of the Program. While I cannot take credit for it, that goes to Ms. Leslie Folmer, Honors students had the opportunity to meet and chat with Mrs. Barbara Bush last year, and will have the chance to meet with Mr. Sam Donaldson this year".

Chester added that the MUHP "provides students with the opportunity to study subjects in greater depth and breadth than is often possible in a traditional course. Honors courses are typically less structured, with more emphasis placed on individual and collaborative student learning and investigation".

"One of the requirements of the HP is a Senior Honors Project," Chester continued. "At the culmination of this (independent study) experience,

the students present their work to the campus community. These project presentations have been fantastic. This year we have been asked to, and gladly are, including the Honors presentations as part of President Halstead's inauguration. Six students —Steve Winnie, Derek Furry, Kim Carman, Dixie Sheridan, B. Joy Bement, and Ben Stevens —will be giving their Honors presentations on April 13th from 2:30 to 6:00 pm in the sixth floor Community Room of North Hall".

Chester revealed that he hopes in the future to have more personal contact with Honors students.

"One idea is to have an Honors picnic at the start of the academic year," he said. "This will give the incoming Honors students an opportunity to meet other Honors students, and to have any questions that they may have about the HP answered".

Honors Program invitations are extended to all first-year students who maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better, and admission may also be attained on the basis of faculty recommendations, or by early application by incoming students in the top 10% of their high school class. Chester said that in general only freshman are invited to join the Program.

"While not impossible, it is quite difficult for students beyond their freshman year to complete the required courses of the Program," Chester said.

Chester added that part-time students can also apply for the program.

"Whether they (part-time students) are accepted into the program, however, depends on their past academic performance, number

of credits completed, and their academic intentions at Mansfield," Chester said.

Applications for the Honors Program may be directed to the Honors Program Director, 117 Belknap Hall, ext. 4581.

Chester said the method of selecting students to participate in the Summer Honors Program requires interested honor students to make a formal application indicating their intent to the Honors Program Director.

"Two students, and possibly alternates, are then selected based on their application, academic performance at Mansfield, and recommendation by the Honors Council," Chester said. "Ms. Peggy Grover and Ms. Heather Keanney will be representing Mansfield University at the 1999 Summer Honors Program".

Peggy Grover is a sophomore Accounting major and a non-traditional student. "Going places I have never been before is what excites me most about joining Tempus Mirabile," Grover said. "Seeing it for myself, firsthand. I expect to be deliciously overwhelmed."

When asked if she looks forward to her part in the joint presentation that Dr. Chester has asked both students to give upon their return, Peggy grinned and chuckled, "Nnnnooooo!".

Heather Keanney was unavailable for comment at the time of this publication.

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Oscar Night: The Cure For Insomnia.

by Ross Raniere

staff reporter

If you had trouble sleeping last Sunday night, you would have had hit the pillow snoring if the 71st Annual Academy Awards was on your TV. As usual, it was a boring, record-length affair. I could have watched *Titanic* and still had time to rotate my tires.

Whoopi Goldberg is very funny when working with other comedians, such as Robin Williams and Billy Crystal on *Comic Relief*. However, working solo as the Oscar emcee, she apparently thought she was on HBO's *Relief*, with all her terrible, inappropriate Clinton jokes. If I want lame Monica humor, I'll watch Leno.

Breaking the monotony were Williams, Chris Rock, and Jim Carrey, who all thankfully strayed from the Teleprompter. Crystal's presence was missed, although he doesn't do much after the opening number anyway, besides introduce presenters.

The Best Picture nominees monopolized much of the Oscars. *Shakespeare in Love*, *Saving Private Ryan*, and *Life is Beautiful* stole the rug out from under many other contenders who ended up hitting the mat like Ivan Drago. Roberto Benigni grabbed the Best Actor trophy, only after climbing on the seats after his Foreign Language award for *Life* like an uncaged monkey missing its banana. I hope he didn't wake you.

Gwyneth Paltrow stole the show with her Best Actress win. She is truly a movie star and her beauty and talent are unparalleled in modern film. Judi Dench was commanding in her *Love* performance, but her short screen time certainly did not warrant a nomination, much less a win for Best Supporting Actress.

However, *Love*'s win for Best Picture was the smartest choice the Academy made this year. It is a much more magical piece of cinema than the inexcusably overrated and derivative *Ryan*, which I liked better the first time, when it was called *The Longest Day*. Two controversies plagued the Oscars. Elia Kazan's Lifetime Achievement Award was criticized because he "named names" back during the McCarthy hearings. He has directed classic films (*On the Waterfront*) and enough time has passed...the Red Scare is over.

Also, many feel that Steven Spielberg was snubbed after his Best Director win did not precede a Best Picture win for *Ryan*. He didn't deserve either award, but he should be happy that the Academy annually rides the press bandwagon. Message to Spielberg: stop with the war films. There are already many superior ones that came out, like, *right after WWII*. It's 1999- make *ET II*. So, insomniacs rejoice. Another Academy Awards show has come and gone. And so has another 4 hours of nap time.

Review. . .

8MM - Crime film Makes Nicholas "Cagey"

by Carl Madonna

staff reporter

This film resembles a puzzle in that each piece requires careful thought and designed planning. The only problem is that this method becomes very drawn out and basically boring.

In the movie *8MM*, the puzzle is unified by one Nicholas Cage. Cage plays a private investigator who is called on to verify the authenticity of a pornographic film that involves a woman being raped.

After viewing this film, Cage decides to take on the case and find out what really happened. The plot of this story is slow to develop, but when it gets good, it really gets good. Nicholas Cage delivers a wonderful performance as does the rest of the cast. Speaking of the cast, they include: Joaquin Phoenix, James Gandolfini, Peter Storemare, and Anthony Heald.

The film is directed by Joel Schumacher. Phoenix plays a smut peddler who is called on by Cage to help him locate a man that was involved with the murder of the young girl. This mystery man has appeared in many porno films and his unmistakable tattoos make him stand out.

The whole movie is used to follow Cage in his pursuit of tracking down the alleged killers. This is a good movie for you people that like to guess what is going to happen next. *8MM* could be categorized as a horror/mystery film.

The one thing I felt the movie could have used was a little more comedic relief by Cage. When Cage made an attempt at humor, it worked. I felt a few more wisecracks and jokes would have made this movie a whole lot better. It scares you, it intrigues you, it leaves you puzzled, and most of all, it's only five bucks in Wellsboro.

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Review. . . .

Office Space: Tales From The Cubicle.

by Ross Raniere

movie reviewer

Mike Judge, creator of both "Beavis & Butthead" and "King of the Hill," has combined the office humor of "Dilbert" with the minutiae of everyday life of "Seinfeld" to create the world of *Office Space*, his first foray into live-action. Anyone who has ever worked an office or retail job will relate to the workplace antics Judge's latest film, a step up from his usual bathroom humor.

While not exactly sophisticated, *Office Space* contains many hilarious vignettes mined from the stifling atmosphere of offices lined with cubicles. It is based on the animated *Milton* short films Judge did for "Saturday Night Live" several years ago. While those shorts were not very funny, Judge wisely relegated the ineffectual Milton to a minor character in *Office*, played with appropriate nerdiness by *Newsradio*'s Stephen Root.

Ron Livingston, best known from *Swingers*, plays Peter, an enterprising guy who would much rather be doing nothing than toiling away at the pointless activities required of him in his stuffy Initech office space. After visiting a hypnotherapist who keels over before breaking Peter's peaceful trance, he decides to pull a Ferris Bueller and blow off work.

Much to his surprise, he stumbles on a promotion while his friends, Samir and Michael, are fired to make way for new management. Michael's last name happens to be Bolton, which contributes to the frustration of his dead-end job.

Peter's new confidence gets him a new girlfriend, played by "Friends" Jennifer Aniston, who is also experiencing job dissatisfaction waitressing at the nearby eatery. The scheming continues and the lowly Initech cronies hatch a plan to get back at their boss and the rest of the clueless upper management.

Office is Judge's best work. It is reminiscent of the kind of '80's comedies that they don't make anymore, such as the films of John Hughes (before he sold his soul to write kiddie schlock like *Flubber*).

Livingston is perfect in his first leading role and David Herman of "Mad TV" leads the solid supporting cast. But like Lisa Kudrow did to *Analyze This*, Aniston stains this otherwise great movie. She never was funny and never will be funny. Will the cast of "Friends" ever stop ruining film comedy?

Well-written scripts and competent performers are the qualifications for comedy that works. *Office Space* works hard. **Scale of Tolerability: Extremely Tolerable**

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April 13

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Final Four Is Here

by: **Darren DeVoue**
staff reporter

College sports most ballyhooed process of elimination is about to come to a conclusion this weekend in St. Petersburg, Florida. The NCAA Final Four begins this Saturday as Ohio State will take on Connecticut and Michigan State squares off against Duke.

In the first game UConn, will look to get the most out of its first trip to the Final Four in school history. The Huskies scored a tough physical win over Iowa and a scary victory over scrappy underdog Gonzaga to advance here. Now the Huskies must face another underdog in Ohio State. Last year, the Buckeyes could not even think NIT with their 8-22 record. What a difference a year makes! Ohio State employs intense defense to keep themselves in games. The Buckeyes haven't seen the Final Four in person since the Kennedy administration. UConn will have the edge in tournament experience (8 regional appearances in the '90's), and size. The Huskies like to press and get the game more up-tempo. The Buckeyes counter with a starting back court that does the bulk of the scoring (over 56% the past two games) and momentum that is immeasurable. Rebounding will be the key in this game. Whoever gets the better play out of their baseline will have the edge in this game. The Buckeyes must make the game a half-court affair, and crash the offensive boards in order to prevent UConn from getting into their transition game. The player that represents the X Factor in this game is UConn's Kevin Freeman, who has been playing out of his mind since being snubbed for All Big East honors. If Freeman's offense can free up Richard Hamilton, the Huskies should be victorious. UConn is a 6 point favorite over Ohio State.

In Saturday's second game, Michigan State will look to end Duke's elongated winning streak. The Spartan's lost to Duke earlier this season in the Great Eight. The Blue Devil's won by six, but Michigan State can find solace in that loss. First, the Spartans had a 41 to 26 rebounding edge over their opponent. Second, Michigan State All-American Mateen Cleaves was ineffective in that contest, shooting a horrid 3-17. However, Cleaves is playing efficient basketball as evidenced by his 0 point, 11 assist game against Kentucky in the Elite Eight. Both teams have excellent chemistry, but Duke has the edge with a deeper bench and Coach K at the helm. This Reporter is going to go out on a limb and predict a Michigan State upset. Duke is not invulnerable as many would like to think, and if they have one noticeable weakness it is rebounding. The Spartans must do four things to win. The first thing they must do is avoid their penchant to get off to shaky starts. Also, if the Spartans can again beat the Dookies on the boards, make Trejan Langdon put the ball on the floor instead of shooting, and be on the plus side in turnovers, the Spartans have a very good chance of cutting down the nets in St. Petersburg. The Blue Devils are 12 point favorites over the Spartans.

Baseball ranked 24 in NCAA

Mansfield-The Mansfield University baseball team used the strength of a seven game winning streak to jump back into the NCAA Division II Baseball Poll, ranking 24th in the latest poll released Monday.

The Mountaineers had been absent from the poll for four weeks after being ranked 30th in a preseason poll on 2/11/99.

This past weekend, MU posted a 5-0 record to win the Virginia Tournament at Hampton Roads, VA, defeating Concord (WV) College twice, Davis & Elkins (WV) College twice and Bloomsburg University in the final game.

The Mountaineers are currently 14-4 overall and are slated to open their Northern schedule at Lock Haven University on Thursday before opening the PSAC East campaign at West Chester University Saturday. The first home game is set for Sunday, March 28 when they host St. Johns Fisher.

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Softball record at 5-2

Mansfield- Kelly Morris picked up her fifth victory of the season in a 8-2 win over West Virginia Wesleyan while Angie Crater improved to 3-1 with a 11-3 win over Davis & Elkins in the nightcap at the West Virginia Softball Classic at Charleston, WV, Sunday.

The Mountaineers 6-2 record at the tournament earned them a place in the Championship round, but that round was cancelled due to teams leaving because of threatened poor travel conditions.

Morris, who went the distance in the win over West Virginia Wesleyan to improve to 5-2 overall, got all the help she needed in the first inning when Kim Swarts set a new school record with her second grand slam in two days as MU erupted for five runs in the first inning. Swarts was 6-6 for the day with six RBI's and a double, triple and home run.

Mansfield again put the game away in the first inning in the win over Davis & Elkins by scoring nine runs. Swarts was again the big gun for the Mountaineers with a 4-4 performance at the plate including a double, triple, and four RBI's. Rosie Pagana had three RBI's while Liberty grad Renee Grinnell knocked in two runs as did Cantons Chris Storrs Roberts.

Both games were halted after the fifth inning by a six run rule.

The Mountaineers (8-4) are off to their best start since opening with a 9-2-1 mark in 1992. Mansfield is scheduled to travel to Binghamton this Tuesday before hosting Lock Haven on Thursday.

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	@ 4:45	moving to a different building.
Fri. 4/16	9am - 4pm	moving on campus from off campus, Housing Office, 120 PC

Advocacy Conference comes to Mansfield

by Carl Madonna
staff reporter

The Mansfield University Advocacy Conference is one that highlights our students and the possibility of sexual violence. This annual event is sponsored by the MU Advocacy Association. The conference is being coordinated by Mansfield's own Stephanie DeNicola. "Our job is promote sexual awareness to those attending and let everyone know that sexual violence is an issue that faces everyone," DeNicola said.

The expected outcome for this year's conference is estimated at between 300 and 500 people. Amongst those in attendance, local Greeks, athletes, faculty, students and anyone who is interested in joining this conference. The faculty on our campus have graciously donated some money for students that would like to attend the conference but cannot afford it. So, students presenting an official MU I.D. card will be admitted for free.

The Advocacy Conference chose Mansfield as its only U.S. site for the conference this year. Stephanie DeNicola said, "I love getting the chance to meet other people from other schools." Four females from St. Johns University in Minnesota will be driving 18 hours to attend this conference. (Talk about dedication!)

The conference will kick off with registration today at 2:00 p.m.. At 7:00 p.m. Stephanie DeNicola will give a conference welcome to all in attendance. President John Halstead will also give a welcome address to those in attendance. Ed Gerety will give his key note address at 8:00 p.m.. Friday's festivities will conclude with a soda mixer at the Hut. Local businesses have donated some free lunches to raffle away at the mixer.

Saturday morning between 7 and 9 a.m. will be registration time in Laurel Hall. From 2 to 3:15 p.m. will be open sessions in which sexual violence issues will be addressed. Later that evening will be a buffet dinner at the Corey Creek Golf Course from 4 to 8:00 p.m.. Between 8 and 10:30 Saturday night, *Time* cover girl Katie Koestner will speak of her sexual violence experience. This speech will be held in Straughn Auditorium.

Sunday will begin with breakfast in Laurel from 8 to 9 a.m.. Bob Hall will give a speech on "Sex, Conflict, and Intimacy" in our world today. Bob will be speaking in Straughn Auditorium. The conference will close on Sunday from 11 to 12 p.m..

"My goal for this conference is to help educate other schools to learn from their experiences as well as those of other schools," DeNicola said. This conference is a wonderful way to talk about and confront some problems you or someone you know may have with sexual violence. Talking about your issues may be intimidating, but this conference is a great way to bring out the conflicts and problems you may have experienced. There will be many people in attendance that have shared many of the same experiences that you may have. Do not feel intimidated, come out and show your support for a continuing awareness to sexual violence. For any questions concerning the Advocacy Conference please call Stephanie DeNicola at (570) 662-5804.

Top Ten Things you Need to Be Doing if you are Graduating in May

Not in any particular order

- 1) Sending our your Resume
- 2) Sucking up to your professors; you need recommedations
- 3) Pay for your diploma (It's \$20)
- 4) Go and buy your cap and gown.
- 5) Go apartment hunting- remember you can't stand living with your parents.
- 6) Pass your classes (the ones you need to graduate)
- 7) Hang out with your friends and slack off, it will be your last chance to use the excuse that you are a college student!
- 8) Ask for money for graduation (student loan payments come quickly)
- 9) Make one last chance attempt with that cute guy or girl, if it doesn't work out you will never have to see them again.
- 10) GO OUT AND HAVE A GOOD TIME, YOUR FOUR (OR FIVE) YEARS AT MANSFIELD ARE ALMOST OVER!!!!!!

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NOW speaker talks of activism and volunteerism

by: Leah Phillips
staff reporter

On Tuesday, NOW President Barb DiTullio spoke to a group of 30 on activism. She began with two simple definitions. Volunteerism is the act of giving one's time to help others or in simpler terms a band aid. Activism is the act of going into the public and using your efforts to get others involved and aware of the situation that needs some attention. It is all about working together to accomplish a common goal.

"If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the

problem," DiTullio said. To try and fix the problem yourself though, is not at all feasible. We must work together. Unfortunately, there are two things that get in our way. The first is external and the second internal. Institutions and the environment that surrounds us can keep us from achieving our desired goals.

She followed this small, but unforgettable lesson with an exercise. She asked the audience to talk to their neighbor and discuss how many times as a child did we try to do something and were told that "little girls or little boys do not do that." Three out of the four stories that were shared with the group included some incident in their childhood that included some kind of re-

sponse from an adult saying, "little girls/boys don't do that." This exercise gave just a small hint of how loving parents sometimes unknowingly teach sexism to their kids, but the effects last for a lifetime.

The other factors that keep people from acting are the personal ones. Perhaps we do not feel as if our small actions would be noticed. It is only when we join hands with one another that something can be done, it is when we pull our small actions together that we are noticed.

Other institutional factors that keep people today from being as vocal as the college students in the 60s and 70s include raising kids, keeping a job

while in school, the semester system in colleges (they used to run on the quarterly system), and the fact that you can lose your job for speaking out. People today just have less time to get involved with the things that matter the most.

One of the examples given by DiTullio really affects us as college students looking at our futures. As young women the realization that we still are not receiving equal pay for equal work is astronomical. The statistics given by DiTullio were when a man earns a \$1.00, a white woman receives \$0.74, an African American woman \$0.65, and a Latino woman \$0.57.

DiTullio gave a few suggestions before closing. Activism is as simple as talking to state leg-

islatures and localizing the problems. She suggests that as college students we need to push past our comfort level to act upon those issues that we are compassionate about.

This presentation was cosponsored by the Tioga County chapter of NOW, coordinated by the MU Women's Studies Program and sponsored by the President's Women's Commission and the Office of the Associate Provost.

For more information about NOW here is their web address: www.libertynet.org/PANOW

MISO to hold festival

by: Anji Nolan
staff reporter

"You could say it's like a smorgasbord of international foods," said MISO sponsor Ms. Cooper.

She is referring to the 18th Annual Mansfield International Student Organization Festival that was first advised by Ms. Janice Kennedy 18 years ago. This year's theme is Cultural Sensitivity. It will be held in North Dining Hall April 10, 1999. The doors open at 5:30PM. The first ten students to arrive get in free. General admission is \$7 and students with ID get in for \$3.

MISO currently has representatives from fourteen different countries. Students

At the festival one can expect food made by students from Bangladesh, Bosnia, Ecuador, Grenada, India, Japan, Kenya, Moldova, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Trinidad. These students will serve the food in their native dress. Then they will present a talent show. Also expect International Music including Dr. Crowder performing a short Latin guitar piece and guest speaker Ann Mabe talking on the Cultural Sensitivity theme. The Public can also see a slide show and look at display tables with items from the different countries.

If you have any questions or would like to attend, please make a reservation by calling Annie Cooper at (570) 662-43381 or the MISO Office at (570) 662-443.

Tensions running high on MU campus

by: Carl Madonna
staff reporter

A fraternity party last Saturday erupted into violence when an unidentified student started an argument with another student. The incident instigated a fight within the crowd at the party which was held at the Alpha Chi House located on Route 15.

The University Police Log reports that several individuals got into a several different fights. The investigation is still continuing and no one was treated for any injuries at the scene. Security on campus will be increased starting sometime this week, police said. Students will be asked to display their M.U. ID card when entering their

building. All visitors will be asked to be escorted from the time they walk in the door till the time they leave.

Director of Residence Life Mike LeMasters was not available for comment.

Witnesses at the scene said the fight at AXP may have been racially motivated. Several accounts confirmed that black and white students were yelling racial slurs at one another. The number of people involved in the incident could not be confirmed, but a witness estimated that between 15 and 30 individuals were engaged in the fight.

Last Saturday's events reportedly spurred other campus-based incidences of violence. Another confrontation Tuesday occurred at the Recreation and Fitness Center. Some students displayed their feelings toward AXP by wear-

ing tee-shirts that said, "F@S% AXP."

University administrators are taking steps to improve campus relations in the aftermath of the incidents. Director of Residence Life Mike LeMasters will be hosting an open session to all students entitled, "Efforts to try to diffuse the anger." This session will be held on Thursday, April 1, 1999 in the Cedarcrest Rec. room.

The Flashlight will provide follow up coverage as more details become available.

Advocacy conference brings students from everywhere to MU

by: Leah Phillips
staff reporter

Beginning last Friday, March 26 a conference was held entitled "Imagine A World Without Sexual Violence." The conference held a wealth of knowledge that was there to be dug into.

Mansfield University students, yes you, could attend for no charge since the faculty had pooled money to cover the expense. The conference included three speakers and two sessions with 13 different presentations to choose from for the first session and 9 choices

in the second. Making the final decision of which one to attend was hard for almost all of the attendees. The sessions offered ranged from "Addressing Campus Issues Using Social Action Theatre" to "What Happens During a Rape Kit" and everything in between.

The key note speakers really triggered emotions in the attendees. On Friday night, Ed Gerety talked about communication and the respect people give one another.

On Saturday night, Katie Koestner and Brett A Sokolow spoke on communication and what is accepted as consent. Koestner gave her own story which pulled the heart strings of the audience

and then Sokolow took the floor. He gave out scenarios and asked the audience to be the jury. As the people stirred in the audience, trying to figure out a reasonable and just answer, we as a group decided that there is no real cut and dry law showing what is a realistic definition for consent.

On Sunday morning, bright and early, Bob Hall spoke on the conflict in all of our lives. Ironically we often use force to try and break force. He told the audience that we can look at any of the wars and see that principle used. The suggestions that he gave the audience to try and change these situations effectively were to use changing strategies rather than coping strate-

gies. He also added that in order to control violence, it begins with the control of self. The sex drive that we all have has both positive and negative effects. The positive include fun and loving. The negatives include selfishness and insatiableness. Unfortunately, our society has used guilt to control the sex drive of the people. In order to respect the people we are with Hall gave a few suggestions to follow. First if you're initiating, instead of assuming, ask permission. Second, if you really want to be intimate, ask these three words "Is this OK?" It's that simple.

Overall the conference really enriched those that attended. New friendships were made with people from New York, Virginia, Minnesota, Ohio, North Carolina,

Ottawa, and of course Pennsylvania. With a renewed sense of purpose the knowledge was taken home to be utilized. The best way to summarize the whole experience is the quotation, "Never underestimate the power of a small, dedicated group of people to change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." (Margaret Mead)

This conference was mainly sponsored by Mansfield University Advocacy Association with input from other related organizations and Mansfield University Administration.

Concert Choir to perform before European Tour

special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, will present a concert on Sunday, April 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mansfield University Steadman Theatre. This concert will be the last of seven performances by the group during their spring tour in preparation for their second European Tour in May. Their program will include selec-

tions from the Renaissance to the Twentieth Century, from the motet to the spiritual. Performing in six different languages, the Concert Choir will present works from Italy, Germany, Austria, Argentina, New Zealand, Canada, Sweden, and the United States. Compositions celebrating the 900th anniversary of the birth of Hildegard von Bingen and the 100th anniversary of the birth of George Gershwin and included among others by Palestrina, Handel, Bruckner, and Moses Hogan. The featured work is a powerfully expressive composition by the young

composer, Eric Whitacre, called "Cloudburst." This presents a Spanish poem by Octavio Paz in a vivid portrayal of a rainstorm. Students will accompany the choir with a variety of instruments including bongos, handchimes, oboe, and maracas. Be prepared to hear some vocal jazz and gospel styles as well!

The Concert Choir is a highly select ensemble of forty-eight singers, representing some of the finest talent from the American Northeast. While most of the singers in

the present ensemble are undergraduate music majors, membership is open to all students at the university. The Concert Choir has achieved a reputation of excellence having been invited by taped audition each of the last six years to perform at state, regional, national, or international choral conventions. They performed at the Pennsylvania State Music Conferences in 1993 and 1998, the Music Educators National Convention in 1994, and the MENC Eastern Division Conventions in 1995 and 1997. The choir toured Europe in May of 1996 and were among the finalists in the

"Florilege Vocal de Tours" International Choral Festival in Tours, France. Of the twenty-seven choirs from around the world who performed at the festival, the Mansfield University Concert Choir was the only one from North America. They will take their second European Tour, which includes performances in Rome, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck, Salzburg, and Munich, this May. The Concert Choir has been praised for their depth of feeling, warm vocal color, and diverse repertoire.

Milk Week proves successful for MU Public Relations students

by: **Kimberly Sapone**
editor-in-chief

Public Relations students at Mansfield University recently wrapped up it's "Ultimate Milk Mustache" campaign. The campaign, which the students created in order to try to win internships at Rolling Stone magazine, was a week full of contests that all had to do with milk.

The group first researched information on milk by using the internet, library resources, nutritional experts, and a survey of students on campus. They then used this information to build a successful campaign.

The week's events included a milk balloon toss, a milk chugging contest, a pudding eating contest, cereal night, milk and cookies night, a milk trivia contest, and a milk mustache contest. Attendees

could also have their pictures taken with a milk mustache and feel just like all those celebrities in actual milk ads do. Their pictures are being put into a 23 page web-site that will be posted on the MU webpage as soon as possible.

Students Bridgette Maney and Chuck Kepner appeared on NBC affiliate WETM in Elmira, Channel 18's morning talk show and told the entire viewing area what they were doing and why it was so important.

By doing this campaign, the group managed to raise the consumption of 2% milk by 25 gallons, skim milk consumption by 20 gallons, and the consumption of chocolate milk by 5 gallons.

The campaign also successfully brought out many MU students, along with many organizations, and President John Halstead to learn all about the benefits of milk. In all, the group estimates that they had 10% of the student body participated in Milk Week.

Child Care is under fire with Pennsylvania's officials

special to the Flashlight

Reading (March 31) - Auditor General Robert P. Casey, Jr. today joined with state Senator Michael O'Pake and working mothers from Reading in calling on Gov. Ridge to rescind new child care regulations that are devastating the budgets of low-income working families. These new regulations substantially increase working families' co-payments for subsidized child care and severely restrict other families' eligibility for child care assistance.

"The co-payment increase is unnecessary and outrageously unfair," Casey said of the child care hike that went into effect March 1, 1999. "It is blowing a hole through the budgets of low-income working families and inflicting pain on countless parents and children in the Reading area."

At today's press conference, Casey shared some of the

real-life testimony he has listened to about this crisis. "Over 500 mothers, fathers, and children recently showed up at two town meetings to express their desperation over these onerous and unfair regulations," he said. "These families who are not currently on welfare, but who are in imminent danger of being forced into the welfare system as a result of the Ridge administration's policies."

Casey highlighted several families who, because of the co-payment increases, are concerned about their ability to afford basic necessities. "Amy and her husband, working parents of three who live in Licken Co., now must pay \$70 more a week for child care; Stacy, a mother of three in Lancaster Co., now pays \$50 more a week; Amy, a working mother of three from Erie now pays \$35 more a week for child care," Casey said. "This is unfair increase amounts to a tax, on low-income workers who are already struggling to make ends meet."

At today's press conference, Casey and O'Pake noted that neither has received a response from the Governor to separate letters they sent earlier this month explaining the impact of these regulations on working families. "The silence from the Governor on this issue is deafening," Casey said. "With every day that passes, another family is forced to make a cruel choice between quality child care and their job. This is an abomination. Pennsylvania can revert to the previous, affordable co-payments without breaking the budget or raising taxes. Our economy is the best it has been in 50 years, and we have a record revenue surplus and tens of millions of new federal dollars for child care. Our surplus accumulated because hard-working families paid their taxes. These same families now worry about how they will pay for shoes, food and health care for their children."

Mark Polonia gives speech on independent filmmaking

by: **Carl Madonna**
staff reporter

Multimedia man Mark Polonia has been directing movies since the time he was 11 years old. He produces low to no budget films. While under these conditions of low to no money, "you are under every possible handicap possible," Polonia said. Yet the only boundaries you have are the ones you set for yourself Mark told the crowd. "When I fail, I give myself just another

reason to try," said Polonia.

Some of the big stars we see in Hollywood also started in the position that Mark is in. These include Jack Nicholson, Martin Scorsese, Sly Stallone, Jason Alexander, and Clint Eastwood. All of Mark's productions include the role of his family and friends. Mark's first successful film was Feeders. Feeders was Blockbuster's number one independent rental of 1996 with 4500 viewers renting this sci-fi thriller. Feeders was filmed in 5 1/2 days and Terror House was filmed in 2 1/2 days. "When you get 400 cop-

ies sold, well you consider yourself George Lucas," Polonia said.

Polonia said the key ingredients for making a great film are the following: cost effective ideas, use of resources, dedicated personnel, equipment and anywhere from \$0.00 to \$6,000 dollars. The two main ways to get your movie seen are video distribution and self distribution. Mark started with the video route but has recently decided to take the self approach. Most of Mark's movies are of the horror genre.

To get the effect of blood, you would use corn syrup, food coloring, gelatin, and peanut butter to take away the shine.

When asked what his favorite part of making movies was, Polonia said, "I enjoy watching the reactions of those who are viewing my film. Nothing makes me feel better than watching someone laugh during a scene that was intended to be funny."

Mark's new movie, The House That Screams, looks to be another success. He showed the group the first ten minutes of this horror flick. It looked to be very in-

teresting and had a powerful beginning. The plot seems to revolve around a man that lost his young son and wife. But from what we saw, this movie looks to be one to reckon with.

Mark gave inspiration to aspiring directors and showed that persistence and dedication can overcome all obstacles. The Flashlight staff would like to wish Mark Polonia all the best in any of his future endeavors. One more thing, make sure you check out Feeders and the new thriller The House That Screams.

Join the Flashlight!!!!

Men With Guns is next in film series

by: Liz Visotski
& Leah Phillips
staff reporter

On Thursday night in Allen Lecture Hall, the next to last film in the Mansfield University's Film and Lecture Series was shown. *Men With Guns* was a movie full of alternative perspectives and the occasional violent act.

The movie written, directed, and produced by John Sayles gave the audience a chance to react to violent acts imposed on one another. The script for this movie was first written in Spanish and the final in English. Before taping though, Sayles had a friend translate the final draft into Spanish to try and alleviate any direct locals.

Dr. Fuentes, the main character, had traveled to the mountainous areas of Central America to teach people medicine. Right before Dr. Fuentes decided to retire he chose to visit his students.

Dr. Fuentes picks up a lot of different travelers along his journey. The first person he finds is a young boy Conejo who assists Fuentes on directions and the 'street' knowledge. When they encounter dead communities where all the people were killed and the buildings demolished, Conejo explains that the lives of the victims to Fuentes who can not possibly understand. Fuentes comes from the city where he was completely naive of the countryside's dilemmas. The other people he encountered were a deserting army medic, a

fallen priest, and a mute rape victim. All these characters bring life to the plight of the Central American Indians.

Unfortunately none of his students remain because of disharmony between the mountain guerillas and the army. The guerillas did not like the doctors treating the army and vise versa. Fuentes goes to the varies villages he had sent his students to practice and to his dismay they nor anyone is there.

The University Film and Lecture Series is sponsored by Student Activity Fees and Mansfield Activities Council. Next week, Thursday at 7pm, *Smoke Signals* will be shown in Allen Lecture Hall.

Now for the Riddle answer.....

First we would like to Thank everyone that submitted answers to us.

Because of the abundance of correct answers we are asking those people to come to the office on monday for a drawing. All the correct names of the people with the correct answer will be but into "a hat" and the name drawn will recieve the \$25 dollar gift certificate from the bookstore.

Now for the answers we recieved.....

Reality
Humility
Hunger
Human Mind

and the correct answer is.....**NOTHING**

Nothing is more powerful than God, Nothing is more evil then the Devil. Rich people want nothing, Poor people have nothing. If you eat nothing you will die.

If you answered the riddle "nothing", please come to our office monday at 4:30. If you have a conflict please contact the office at x 4986.

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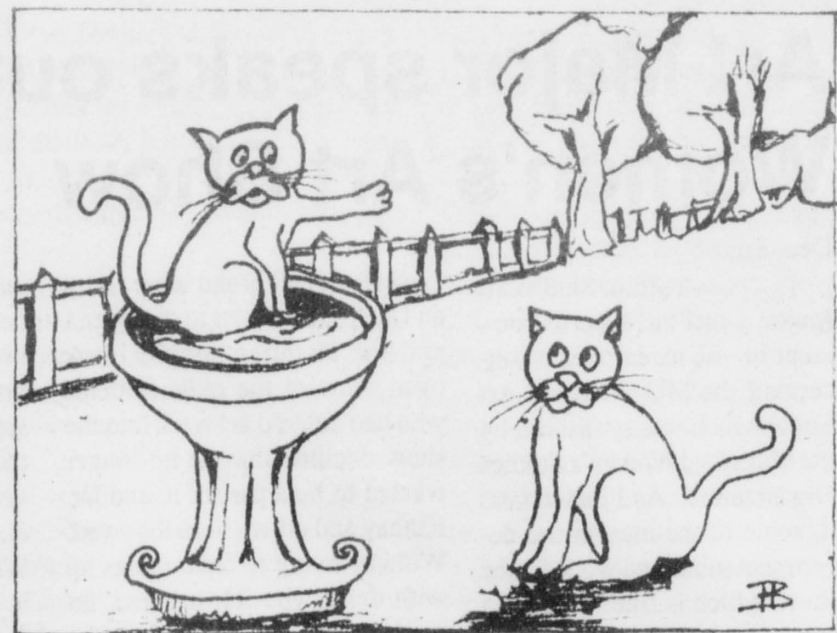
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Editorial, Letters to the Editor

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Editorial

Well, Happy April Fools Day, a little late. For all of you who were looking forward to the infamous issue of the Trashlight, well, I am sorry to disappoint you. The staff of the Flashlight thought long and hard about doing this issue, and while I am sure that it would have been a lot of fun to do, I do have a good reason (at least in my eyes) for not printing it. We all know all the problems that people have had with this newspaper in the past, and now that there is a whole new staff trying to make it better and to earn respect from the entire campus. I honestly feel that we are actually on the road to becoming a paper that the campus can actually appreciate, and I know that we are skating on incredibly thin ice. Therefore, I am doing my best to not make anyone mad at any one staff member, or the Flashlight as a whole. I am not saying that you will never see the Trashlight ever again, but just not this year. I hope that I am not letting too many of you down!

Fights on this campus seem to be getting more and more frequent, and I am trying to figure out why this is so. I haven't personally been present at any of them, but I have heard some pretty amazing stories about a few of them. I think that everyone should just respect everyone else and maybe this won't be such a big problem anymore. Sure, you aren't going to like everything that someone else thinks or believes, but hey, if everyone was the same, life would be pretty boring, don't you think?? Next time you feel like a fight is coming on, just remember, you don't have to prove your man or womanhood by using your fists. The only person you anything to prove to is yourself.

Okay, now that that issue is out of the way, how about this weather we have been having?? 70 degrees in Mansfield in March? I must be dreaming. In any case, get out there and enjoy it, because you know that come next week, it will probably be snowing again.

Finally, on behalf of the editorial board and all the staff and reporters of the Flashlight, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter or Passover, or whatever holiday you are choosing to celebrate this weekend. If you don't celebrate anything, then have a good weekend. Remember only 30-some more days of school left!

Art Major speaks out on Women's Art Show

Dear Editor,

As a senior Studio Art Major, I feel the need to comment on the recent fiasco concerning the MU Women's Art Show which was sponsored by the Mansfield Women's Studies Organization. As I understand it, some of the men in the department submitted work for the show, which is fine. I have an entry form for the show sitting here as I write this letter and no where on it do I see the words, "For Women Only." I don't believe that anyone had a problem with the fact that men were permitted to enter the show. The problem, however, arose at the opening reception for the show, when Dr. Bonnie Kutbay, professor of art history, apparently made some statements which some of those present found to be offensive.

I have heard several versions of these statements. Basically, some people feel that Dr. Kutbay implied that the MU Women's Art Show would have been weak if the men had not submitted work, or, that the artwork done by women was not sufficient enough to stand on its own. I am not going to specifically quote any such comment because I was not present at the reception, but I have spoken directly with Dr. Kutbay and others involved in this situation.

A number of those who took offense to these comments made by Dr. Kutbay expressed their opinions, and that

is when all hell broke loose. Any and all logic seemed to disappear, and the attention junkies took over. One of the male students who had entered art work into the show decided that he no longer wanted to be a part of it, and Dr. Kutbay and others soon followed. Without trying to clear things up with those who felt insulted, art work was hastily pulled from the show, leaving big gaps on walls, and some members of the Art Department at war with some of those involved in the Women's Studies program.

On behalf of myself and some other art major friends of mine, I would like to voice my concern about some of the malicious and ignorant things that I have heard being said so recently in the Art Department. First of all, those involved in the Women's Studies program at MU that I have been in contact with are not "militant man-haters," as much as some people would like to believe. Generalizing a group of people just because they're involved in the Women's Studies organization and happen to disagree with you, is ignorant. I have taken more than one Women's Studies course during my four years here and they are NOTHING like that. They were merely expressing their opinions about certain statements which they found insulting.

As for the actions taken by certain members of the Art Department, I think they were very childish. Just because some-

one got all bent out of shape because people were being honest, Dr. Kutbay should not have made a rash decision to pull artwork out of the show without first conversing with those involved (i.e. Women's Studies). When one submits work and it is accepted into a show, there is an obligation to carry out with that decision. It was ridiculous to remove the artwork, due to the fact that the show ended the day after it was removed. This was handled in an unreasonable, unprofessional, and childish manner.

Maybe the statements were misinterpreted, and if that is the case, fine. If Dr. Kutbay realized that statements she made had been misinterpreted in a negative way, she should have tried to explain where she was coming from, or what she was really trying to say.

Finally, I have one request. Leave art majors, as a general group, out of this whole mess. Just because a select group of people are on a mission to make the Art Department look like a bunch of trifling idiots, believe me when I say we're all not like that.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Angel R. Butcher

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Letters to the Editor Policy

The Flashlight is always intersted in what our readers are thinking. We encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without a signature and phone number. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content, so why should we?

Corrections

* Last week in the story about the new day care on campus, it was mistakenly called a "decker". It should have said day care.

The deadline for submitting anything to the *Flashlight* is the Thursday of production by NOON. Anything that is not in by that time will be put in the following week. Anyone is welcome to submit bulletin board announcements, letters to the editor, commentaries, or stories, however if you are interested in writing any stories, you are strongly urged to attend our meetings on Mondays in 217 Memorial at 4:30 p.m. Other announcements can be dropped off at the office, e-mailed to <flashlight35@hotmail.com>, or call x.4986 and leave a voice mail. The editors will decide what gets printed and what does not.

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The *Flashlight* is looking to fill many positions for the upcoming semester. If you are interested in reporting, editing, layout, design, photography, or office management, the *Flashlight* is the way to go. It looks great on a resume, and is also a great portfolio builder. Stop by 217 Memorial on Mondays at 4:30 or all night Thursdays, e-mail us at <flashlight35@hotmail.com>, or call us at x.4986 and let us know what you are interested in doing. We are looking forward to seeing you!

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Commentary

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Gimme a big five, baby!

...our commentary questions Tae Bo and e-greeting cards

by: Jenna Rawa
staff reporter

Don't ask me how I came across such a thing but I've got good news for anyone suffering from a bout of neurosis. Being neurotic ranks right up there as the number one cluster of personality adjectives in the Big Five. According to the Center of Applied Cognitive Studies, the Big Five is a five factor model of personality used to differentiate the various areas of personality held by individuals. The other four are extroversion, openness, agreeableness, and conscientiousness. Any of you ab-

normally sensitive or obsessive people interested? Check out the webpage at www.centacs.com. Maybe I should go there.

Is Tae Bo taking over the fitness world or is it just me? I swear I have never heard of the thing and now everywhere I turn it's "Tae Bo this!" or "Tae Bo that!" Laurel Hall even has three nights a week where they go Tae Bo-ing down in Laurel B lounge. Is it really something great or just another fad that will fade out like the Thighmaster craze a couple years ago. You never know, I guess. I just wonder if any credit is given to the faithful treadmill. It gets tossed aside whenever a new contraption for weight loss comes

along. It probably thinks to itself, "There you go again. I'll just sit here and catch some dust while you go try something new. I'm never good enough. But you'll be back. You're always coming back." Poor thing.

Speaking of things taking over, let's talk bluembuntain. This online e-mail card business is going to shove Hallmark aside quicker than good weather in Mansfield. You simply type in your recipients name and e-mail, along with your own, personalize a message and boom, it's off into cyberspace and within minutes to the e-mail box. Grandma may be crying while she comes in from getting the mail because she feels like you don't love her anymore but instantly her

faith in you is restored as she signs on to the internet. Technology has done it again. Some of the categories for cards are a bit ridiculous though. Doctor's Day? Flight Attendant Day? If you're going to go that far, why not send an e-mail card to your lonely treadmill? Check it out at www1.bluemountain.com.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK :

"Don't be reckless with other people's heart and don't put up with people who are reckless with yours."

-Unknown

Ignorance on our campus just isn't cool

by: Karen Holgate
staff reporter

Folks I'm tired of telling people to treat others right. I shouldn't even have to mention it. It's common sense.

But still some people choose to be ill mannered and act like donkey's butts. They throw racial slurs, make sexist remarks, and generally act as though they are the only people who matter in the world.

So, once again I am telling you stop being ignorant. Instead of starting fights with these people, try to learn from

them. They have lived lives that are different from your typical rural upbringing. Find out what they have gone through. I guarantee you'll learn something you never knew.

Next time you are about to say something questionable to a female ask yourself would you want someone to say that to your sister? Before you say something to a guy make sure it's not something that would upset you if he said it to you.

Try to understand that nobody is perfect. We all make mistakes. We all have our imperfections. Don't tear someone else down just because they are slightly less than a tower of virtue and

an Adonis. Nobody will ever live up to those expectations!

You're bound to disagree on several matters, but that doesn't mean you need to break out into a rumble. Agree to disagree. That way nobody gets hurt.

As a general rule consider this: If you wouldn't feel right saying it in front of your mother, DON'T SAY IT. If you wouldn't even think about doing it in front of your grandmother, DON'T DO IT.

Really people I am tired of telling you how you should act. I'm sure your parents raised you better than that. What would they think of you now? I'd

bet even money 90% of you would be on restriction or be on the receiving end of a good slap to the back of the head.

This is the last time I am going to tell you. Now this doesn't mean I'm giving up. Oh no! This mean I will begin giving stern talks to anyone I see acting out. I may even resort to a few well placed blows, to knock some sense into your heads.

Some might say I'm trying to force my will on you. I'm not. I am simply trying to enlighten you. You all need to take others into consideration. Try to learn from them rather than beat them to a bloody pulp. Let your conscience be your guide.

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Profile.

Kevin Starks: Driving Mansfield students is his life

by: Carl Madonna

staff reporter

For the past two years Mansfield University Mountie Man Kevin Starks has been serving our community and campus as the driver of the Mountie Express. Kevin has lived in Mansfield and Covington his entire life. Kevin has a 15 year old daughter, a 14 year old daughter, and

an 8 year old son. Kevin's wife also works here on campus at South Hall. When Kevin is not busy chauffeuring our students from place to place, he enjoys spending time with his children and wife.

Starks' hobbies include collecting stamps and old money, hunting, fishing, and most of all, being out in nature. Kevin also does a lot of landscaping work around the community. Now if you are clueless to which driver is Kevin, he is the guy with the beard

that usually works the night and sometimes afternoon shift. Kevin is the one that always greets you with a smile and keeps you entertained for the duration of your ride.

Kevin says that one aspect of the job doesn't outweigh another. "I love the whole thing, there is no one part in which I consider the best. Although I really appreciate the interaction with the students. We talk and I usually make some pretty cool friends." Mr. Starks also helps at local elementary schools as a chaperone to the children. For example, yesterday Kevin took two bus loads

of children to Philadelphia to visit many of the historical sites that are found in Philly. From talking to various people around the community, we have come to the conclusion that Kevin Starks is a vital part of the Mansfield community. Almost everyone knows of Kevin and has something positive to say about him.

We would like to thank Kevin for his work throughout the past two years. Also, we look forward to your continued work with our campus and community. Thanks.

MU Students And Faculty On A Mission In Kentucky

by: Liz Vistoski

staff reporter

What did you do for spring break? Watch TV, work at your dead-end job back home, and maybe for those lucky buggers, travel to warm and exotic lands in search of that perfect tan? How about donate your time and energy to a mission in the back hills of Kentucky? Seven of your fellow students and faculty of Mansfield University did just that this spring break. They traveled south to Redbird, Kentucky to donate their time and efforts to the mission there for the eighth year.

This year the students got to tackle a new project, erecting a chain link fence. They erected fencing

around the elementary school playground and high school baseball field, and reconstructed the chain link fencing of a dugout for the players. The original dugouts had been built by the students several years ago, but were destroyed in a horrendous storm. Learning the tricks of the trade made the workers instant "experts." They learned the fine arts of bouncing and weaving the fence to make a perfect match. The new authorities on the process eyed up chain link fences passed on the return trip to see if it lived up to their specifications.

This year the Mansfield University team had company from other universities. They worked with Georgetown University students on the fences, with the two teams working in conjunction to do the best job possible. Amount the other schools in atten-

dance were James Madison Methodist College, Spartensburg College, and the Asian American Leaders Conference from Emory University in Georgia. Attendance was up to 75 this year, unlike the 25 that were there for the first year Mansfield personnel made the trek. The groups worked on a variety of projects including grounds keeping to prepare for the major summer work camps, and erecting of a frame for a building.

It rained for two days of the work, and of the assembled, only the Mansfield crew thought it was warm. They doggedly worked despite the adverse weather conditions to complete their tasks and leave nothing undone. The crew assigned to erect the building frame even worked late into the evening on Friday to complete the project before they had to return home.

The crew from Mansfield received the honor of being invited for dinner to the home of the director of the project. There

has been teams from Mansfield going to Redbird for so long that there is a tangible bond forming not only between the students, but also between the students and staff of the mission.

Said Reverend Casey, coordinator of the program, "Relations have gotten stronger and it's getting harder and harder to say goodbye." The students get a deeper meaning of what is truly important by spending their spring break in Redbird.

Said one student, "Every year I get my butt kicked about what's important. It's love." They also learn that there is not much difference between the people of the mission in KY and the residents of Tioga County, Pa. Both are parts of the Appalachian Mountain chain and are bursting with a deep feeling of "mountain pride."

Review.

200 Cigarettes: an unfunny smokefest

by: Ross Ranieri

staff reporter

The latest film in the MTV Productions assembly line, 200 Cigarettes, is indicative of its namesake network. It sounds good on paper, but once on-screen, it exceeds no expectations of quality.

Cigarettes is supposed to be a comedy, but its lack of laughs makes it seem more like a documentary. The premise could be ripe for humor, but alas, it turns out unfunny. A group of New Yorkers try to have a good New Year's Eve in 1981. That's it. Only "Seinfeld" could have turned the idea into a successful product.

This film boasts one of the

most wasted casts of all time. Janeane Garofalo, Ben and Casey Affleck, Christina Ricci, Courtney Love, and Jay Mohr are among the actors whose talents are squandered on a non-existent screenplay and in many scenes strewn together with all the care of a sweatshop t-shirt.

Aside from the soundtrack, which contains some obscure 80's nuggets, there is not much evidence of the time period in Cigarettes. The dialogue and scenery could be from anytime in the last two decades. There are some goofy outfits, but overall, it could have easily taken place in 1991. The film constantly substitutes period detail with a frustratingly pointless and annoying tone.

Unfortunately, the salvage-

able bits of Cigarettes constitute a small percentage of the film. Always great Garofalo's role is very small and was shown almost in its entirety in previews. Dave Chappelle's funky cab driver is a very cool character, but is seen infrequently throughout the monotony. He does, however, narrate the best scene, which ends the movie. He is also given the best line, which is at the very end of the credits. So, get your money's worth and stay for those credits, kids!

However, most of the vignettes during Cigarettes are wholly unbearable. The need to check your watch in a movie theater is not usually the sign of a winner. You just hope that these idiots make it to some New Year's party in under 90 minutes.

Along with Garofalo and Chappelle, Cigarettes contains a slightly amusing slapstick performance from Kate

Hudson. Hudson is the talented, gorgeous daughter of Goldie Hawn and her scenes are reminiscent of Hawn's early work.

Why is it called 200 Cigarettes, you ask? Well, every character chain smokes his/her way through the movie like George Burns with a box of Cohibas. The only coherent thread in the film is everyone's addiction to nicotine. I guess they had to do something to stay awake.

MTV is a network with no music. 200 Cigarettes a comedy with no laughs.

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ATTENTION UNDERGRADUATES

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Cipolla and Shannon named winter Athletes of the Year

special to the Flashlight

Mansfield- Swimming record setter Candace Cipolla and basketball standout Steve Shannon have been named the 1999 Mansfield University Winter women's and men's Athlete of the Year. The awards were announced at the annual Winter Athletics Banquet.

Cipolla, a sophomore, became just the second Mountaineer swimmer to advance to the NCAA Division II National Championship competition following her outstanding performance at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Swimming Championships.

Undefeated in regular season competition, Cipolla qualified for the NCAA Championships by placing second in the 200-backstroke and 100-backstroke. She was the only swimmer in school history to ever finish in the top two in the PSAC Championships. At the NCAA Championship, she finished 12th in the 100-backstroke to earn honorable mention All-American. She finished 18th in the 200-backstroke.

In addition, Cipolla holds seven school records. Five of the seven have been set this season.

Shannon, a 6-7 forward, had the type of extraordinary season that few players experienced in the 99 year history of men's basketball at Mansfield University.

Shannon led the PSAC with a 10.8 rebounds-per game average this season and became one of the few players in school history to finish in the top ten in NCAA statistical rankings as the ninth best rebounder in all of Division II.

In addition, Shannon was the only player in the 14-team PSAC to finish in the top five in both rebounding and scoring with 16.3 points per game and was fifth in field goal percentage (.512).

The definition of a team player, Shannon was also second on the team in steals (31) and blocked shots (11) and was third in assists (55). His 17 double-doubles this year was the second most in school history while he led the team in minutes played, averaging more than 35 per game.

Shannon's outstanding play led to his being selected as the PSAC East Player of the Week twice as well as being named ECAC South Player of the Week.

He was also recognized for his outstanding season by being named to the 1st Team All-PSAC East honors as well as second team honors in the 26-team ECAC South.

Portraits of both athletes will be on display in the lobby of Decker Gymnasium throughout the year.

Softball team drops six games

The Mansfield University's women's softball team dropped all six games last week, losing both games of doubleheaders to Kutztown University, Bloomsburg University, and Millersville University.

In last Saturday's PSAC East season opener at Kutztown, the Mounties lost 0-10 and 3-4. The Golden Bears pounded Mountie pitchers, while Mansfield could only manage scattered hits.

On Monday, Mansfield dropped both games of a double-header to Bloomsburg, 0-5 and 0-10. Junior catcher Rosie Pagana led the Mountie offense, having two of the team's four hits in the first game.

In Wednesday's home opener against Millersville, they lost 3-5 and 0-4. Again catcher Rosie Pagana led the hitting going 3-3 with a walk in the first game.

In the second game, Mansfield only managed three hits.

The Mounties try to bounce back when they travel to Shippensburg this Saturday. The next schedule home game for Mansfield is Tuesday when they host West Chester.

Baseball team sweeps two opponents to go 4-2

The Mansfield University men's baseball team went 4-2 on the week, sweeping West Chester University and St. John Fisher College, but dropping both games of a doubleheader to Kutztown University.

In last Saturday's 1999 season home opener, the Mounties defeated West Chester 5-1, and 2-0.

In the first game, junior Kris Kann pitched a complete game four-hitter to earn the win. Freshman Eddie Frame went 3-3 with a run scored and a double.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Mountie freshman hurler Greg Martin pitched 5 1/3 innings of shutout ball, allowing four hits and striking out four. Senior Chris McGee earned his third save of the season. At the plate, sophomore R.J. Lee went 2-3 with two RBIs.

On Sunday, the Mounties swept St. John Fisher College, 5-0 and 3-2.

In the first game, Mike Brown junior transfer, earned the win pitching 5 innings with four strikeouts and allowing only four hits.

Junior Adam Lewis led the Mounties offensive attack, going 2-2 with two RBIs, a double and a run scored.

In the second game, junior Dan Ferrell pitched a complete-game six hitter to earn the win. He also allowed no earned runs and struck out four batters.

The Mounties winning streak soon came to an end as they dropped both games of a doubleheader to Kutztown University on Tuesday, 1-3 and 0-7. The losses were the first time Mansfield had been shut out in a PSAC East Contest since 1997.

The Mountaineers, who entered the game as the top pitching and second best hitting team in the PSAC, could only manage four hits while striking out 10 times in the first game.

The Mounties are currently 18-8 overall and 2-2 in the conference. They host East Stroudsburg this Saturday. Game time is 1 p.m. at Shaute Field.

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Carman breaks track record

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Selinsgrove- Mansfield University's Kim Carman broke her own school record in the pole vault Saturday at the Susquehanna University Track & Field Invitational, MU's first outdoor meet of the 1999 season.

Carman took second place in the pole vault with a leap of 8'00", shattering her old mark of 7'00". She also placed seventh in the high jump and 13th in the 100-meter high hurdles.

Lamar Crawford led the men's team with a second-place finish in the long jump, a third-place finish in the triple jump and a fourth in the 200-meter dash while Eric Franitti placed fifth in the pole vault. Scott Fedorwicz finished eighth in the 100-meter dash.

Nichole Beckel finished fifth in the 3000-meter run for the women's team, and Colleen Ryder placed sixth in the 800-meter run. Karen Krouse placed sixth in the discus.

Mansfield returns to action Saturday at Ithaca College.

Coyle wins 400-meter dash at invitational

special to the Flashlight

Mansfield- Mansfield University's David Coyle won the 400-meter dash Saturday at the Susquehanna University Track & Field Invitational.

The junior art education major won the event at Susquehanna for the second time in the last three years. He finished the race in 49.99, and also placed fourth in the 200-meter dash.

"We are looking forward to the rest of Dave's junior outdoor track field season," said Mansfield track & field coach Jim Taylor. "He was actually ill at the Susquehanna meet and this should be his strongest season ever."

Coyle holds indoor school track records in the 55 and 200-meter dash and is a member of the school record-holding 800 and 1,600-meter relay teams.

Mansfield's track & field team returns to action this Saturday at Ithaca College.

Kann takes home pitcher of the week honors in PSAC Eastern Division

special to the Flashlight

Lock Haven- Mansfield University's Kris Kann earned Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Eastern Division Baseball Pitcher of the Week honors Tuesday.

Kann, a junior right-handed pitcher, is 4-1 this season with one save in six appearances. He has started four times, throwing 29 1/3 innings and boasts a 0.92 ERA. Kann has only allowed three earned runs and 22 hits so far and has struck out 37 batters.

Kann pitched a complete-game four-hitter Saturday in a PSAC East victory over West Chester. He allowed one earned run and struck out five Golden Ram batters.

Mansfield is 18-6 overall and 2-0 in the PSAC East. The Mounties face Kutztown University today in PSAC East action.

Underdog UConn upsets Duke for NCAA title

by: Darren DeVoue
staff reporter

The UConn Huskies defeated the Duke 77-74 Monday, for their first National Championship. It was the Huskies first trip to the Final Four and they made the most out of it. Their heavily favored opponent was looking for their third championship this decade in their fourth Final Four of the '90's.

After the two teams traded baskets to start the game. Then the Dookies went on a 7-0 run to go up 9-2. Even in their close games, which didn't happen often this season, Duke would stake double-digit leads for long stretches. The hungry UConn players would have none of that. Led by senior Ricky Moore, the Huskies stormed back. Moore, scored 9 of his team's first 18 on a mix of slashing drives and short jumpers. With the score knotted up at nineteen, the game would be a nip and tuck test of will until the end filled with ties and lead changes. The confidence and determination on the face of the Huskies players and coaching staff was evident as they battled the Dookies.

Duke's deadeye shooter, Trejan Langdon, was bottled up by Moore for most of the first half. Then the senior captain hit a huge, momentum building 4 point play with scant seconds left in the half to put his team up 39-37 at the break.

Again, the Huskies responded to the challenge Duke handed them. Richard "Rip" Hamilton scored 9 points in the first 10 minutes of the second half, including a three-pointer that gave his team their largest lead (to that point) at 62-57. Now it was Duke's turn to step to the fore. Duke center Elton Brand, the national player of the year, had been well defended by the Huskie front court, but was a different player in the second half. Brand, who finished with 17 points and 15 rebounds, brought his team back to within two (63-65). With 4:53 left, Duke tied the contest up.

Now it was UConn All-American, Khalid El-Amin's chance to step into the spotlight. El-Amin scored 6 points in the final minutes on clutch drives including the go ahead basket (75-74). As this reporter had said in his previous article that Langdon must be made to put the ball on the floor. Moore, playing in his last college game win or lose, did just that. Forced to attempt to drive to the basket, Langdon made the critical turnover of the game by traveling. UConn then nailed two free-throws to put the game on ice.

Astoundingly enough, Duke was 10 point favorites over the Huskies for this game. Anybody who would/did take the Blue Devil's with that spread should come check out this sleek, stylish, purrin' engine, 1983 Honda Civic Hatchback in my dad's possession. Asking \$10,000.

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MU gets set to celebrate Dr. Halstead's Inauguration

by: Robert Thomas

special to the Flashlight

It's end of an era for Mansfield University. On July 1, 1998 Dr. John Halstead officially began his term as the 25th president.

Halstead has expressed his enthusiasm for the position. "I have a deep respect for my predecessor, Rod Kelchner, and his legacy of leadership and stewardship for this fine university," Halstead said.

Dr. Halstead was raised in the nearby Finger Lakes Region of upstate New York. Growing up in the college town of Cortland, NY (near Ithaca) Dr. Halstead has been actively engaged in

university and civic life.

Dr. Halstead graduated from Colgate University (B.A., 1970) in sociology and earned his graduate degrees from Michigan State University (M.A., 1972) and Ohio State University (Ph.D., 1980), two of the foremost programs nationally in student personal administration and higher education. While at Michigan State, John met his wife, Kathy, who is originally from Ann Arbor, MI., another college town. Then in 1983 Halstead attended the Stanford University Colloquium, and in 1990, the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard.

Currently at the University of Maine in New England, Dr. Halstead has served as vice-president for student affairs for the past 11 years. Mansfield's

own VP for Student Affairs Joe Maresco looks forward to the arrival of Mr. Halstead.

"The more I hear about Dr. Halstead, the more confident I am we made the right choice," Mr. Maresco said. "It's been nothing but positive feedback from everyone I've talked with."

Dr. Halstead said he would like to capture the high degree of pride in Mansfield that he has heard so much about.

"I would like to translate this pride into quality programs in all that we do; growth in enrollment and enhanced satisfaction and retention of all students; fiscal stability and capital planning; expanding access and outreach to new, existing, and more diverse clientele of learners; maintaining state-of-the-art learning;

recreational, and auxiliary facilities; and welcoming visitors and prospective students," Halstead said.

Michele Hosey, the only student to serve on the presidential search committee, feels strongly about the committee's choice.

"I think we are fortunate and definitely received the right candidate," Hosey said.

Halstead and his wife and daughter say they have already begun to "make friends" in Mansfield.

"Our family values the honesty and friendship that characterize small, rural towns," he says. "This is where we want to be."

(reprinted from *Crossroads Magazine* 1998)

Calendar of Inauguration Events

Inauguration Calendar

4/12-1pm MU baseball vs SUNY Binghamton

4/13- 7pm North Dining- Stephen Keener, President of Little League Baseball, Inc., world's largest youth organization. "Little League Baseball: Today's Children, Tomorrow's Leaders" Free and Open to the public.
2-6pm Honors Student Presentations in North Hall 6th Floor Community Room. Open to all

4/14- 3pm MU Softball vs. Bloomsburg
3pm MU Track vs. Lock Haven & Bloomsburg

4/15- 3:30pm MU Baseball vs. Ithaca
7:30pm Memorial 204; Larry Spong, MU Class of '75, Assistant US Attorney- "Character, Integrity & the practice of Law" free and open to the public.
8pm Steadman- Small Ensemble Concert

4/16- 11am STRAUGHN INAUGURATION CEREMONY (CLASSES CANCELED 10:30-2)
12:30-2 Manser Reception and Luncheon Buffet open to campus and community

4/17- 1pm- MU Baseball vs. West Chester
4/18-4/23- Greek Week Begins

4/19- 1pm MU Baseball vs. Kutztown
6-7:45pm North Manser- Student Affairs Outstanding Student Service Banquet (by invitation only)
8pm Steadman Cossack Singers- Volgograd State University, Russia

4/20- 3pm MU Softball vs. Shippensburg
6-7:30pm North Manser Dinner with Sam Donaldson
8pm Decker Gym Sam Donaldson; speaker. Free to students

4/21- 4pm- Pinecrest 215- Installation of history honors society chapter at MU

4/22- 10am-2:30pm North Manser Psychology Research Symposium
1pm MU Baseball vs. East Stroudsburg
4pm North Manser Dr. Peg Miller, American Association for Higher Education Panel discussion on teaching and learning. Free and open to all.
5:30pm North Manser Dinner with Dr. Peg Miller by invitation

4/22-24- 8pm Straughn Theatrical production "As You Like It"
4/23- 6pm Five Star Dining Combo dinner and concert ticket
8pm Steadman Orchestra Concerto Concert

4/24- 12pm MU Track vs. Roberts Wesleyan, Lycoming & Alfred
1pm MU Baseball vs. Shippensburg
1pm MU Softball vs. East Stroudsburg

4/23-25- PA State Student Government Leaders attend weekend event hosted by MU SGA
4/24- 8pm Steadman Festival Chorus Concert Haydn's *The Creation*

4/25- 2pm Straughn Theater Production "As You Like It"
3pm Steadman Wind Ensemble Concert

4/26- 3:30pm MU Baseball vs. SUNY Cortland

4/28- 3-9pm North Manser Graduate Research Conference open to all

4/29- 6pm North Manser Academic Honors Banquet by invitation only

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Captain Scott O'Grady will be motivational speaker at graduation

by: Liz Visotski
staff reporter

"We don't know what we are capable of until we have to survive. Each of us is stronger than we know-the key is learning to tap that power at will." These stimulating words are those of Captain Scott O'Grady, the motivational speaker for the May 1999 commencement.

O'Grady is an Air Force Captain and a survivor. His F-16 was shot down by a Soviet made anti-aircraft missile in 1995 while he was helping to enforce the NATO no-fly zone over the skies of Bosnia. He managed to evade detection and capture by ground forces for six days until he was rescued in a daring daylight recovery.

"The true grit is obvious to the entire country-- it was the courage and skill demonstrated by Captain O'Grady. They shot down his plane, but not his spirit," Secretary of State William Perry said at a White House ceremony shortly after O'Grady's return to the states. This spirit is what the administration hopes this young man can offer the graduating class. His message is one that is believed to be beneficial to the students. He will be speaking from his book *Return with Honor* on survival, both in the wilderness of Bosnia and through his academic studies and Air Force training. Other topics that will be covered involve relying on resources and coping strategies.

"We are very fortunate to have him come here," said Vice President of University Develop-

ment, Leslie Folmer. "I think this fellow is going to have a very important message to deliver and will be well received." Folmer learned through speaking with other universities that O'Grady presented a very inspiring message. Booked to speak here even before the Kosovo conflict lit up the front pages on the home front, O'Grady's message is even more poignant now. He will be speaking about how he survived the experience and how faith and family helped him to survive.

The question was raised by some students as to why the speaker is not a Mansfield University alumni. President Halstead formed a task force in August of eight people: a mix of students, faculty, and trustees chaired by Dr. Vernon Lapps. One of the results of the task force was to end former presi-

dent, Rod Kelchner's tradition of allowing only alumni to speak at commencement exercises. The hope is to inspire and broaden the horizons of the students in attendance. The idea is not to exclude the alumni from speaking, but to mix them with national figures and others that have messages that would be beneficial for the students. "Commencement is first and foremost for the students," said University President Dr. John Halstead.

"We think that he will have a very inspirational message," said Halstead. He mentioned that it was pure luck that Mansfield University was able to sign O'Grady to speak before the recent conflict erupted. There are many groups and others around the country that will be eager to get their hands on this speaker.

When citing the good

points of bringing him to the University, Halstead mentioned that when speaking in Harrisburg recently O'Grady made it a point to interact with students at the schools to bring his message to those in attendance. His selection was announced to the trustees, SGA President Michelle Hosey, and union representatives on March 25 and was released to the student body shortly thereafter.

Captain O'Grady is currently an instructor with the Joint Survival Agency at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington. Among other charity work, he is one of the national spokespersons for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. He comes to the university from the Washington Speakers Bureau, Inc.

MU Wrestling program nixed

by: Darren DeVoue
staff reporter

At an unexpected meeting, for the wrestling team and coaching staff, this past Monday, university officials disclosed plans to withdraw wrestling from the sports curriculum. The reason given to the team and coaching staff was that "They (MU) could not supply the financial backing necessary to keep wrestling competitive in the conference (The PSAC)." That reasoning is somewhat peculiar since Mansfield is not exactly regarded as a powerhouse in any sport.

The move was not expected by the 14 members of the team or Head Coach Harry Shaw. Unfortunately for the players, they will be without the main premise that brought them to this university... to earn their degree while competing in their sport of choice. Three of the team members are definitely transferring to other schools, within the conference, where they will continue to pursue their degree and compete in wrestling. In that respect, Mansfield has not only lost student-athletes, but has given them to other schools. These other schools will undoubtedly utilize these athletes for possible athletic and scholarly success. Also, these athletes will receive equal or more aid from the institution(s) that they are transferring to. According to Shaw, two other team members are also considering leaving

MU for greener pastures.

There are many facts to consider in this unique situation. First, Mansfield is NCAA Division II in wrestling and competes in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. Out of the 11 PSAC schools that carry wrestling, 8 are Division I. That only left MU with three schools that were actually competition in the standings. However, in MU officials defense, three of those eight schools are "moving down" to Division II, which will increase the competition pool.

Second, the wrestling team only used a total of \$1,000 for scholarships ("SAY KID, COME TO MU TO WRESTLE AND WE'LL BUY YOUR BOOKS."). With money being the subject, the wrestling team has the second lowest operating budget (\$14,000) of any athletic program on campus. The total sports budget, according to the Committee on Finance, is \$195,000. Totaled up, MU wrestling affected 7% of the total sports budget and wrestlers were not exactly first in line for the jobs given to Mansfield student-athletes so they had a minuscule effect on the MU payroll. It would seem that the wrestling program placed little financial burden on the university.

There is an unfounded rumor that the reason for the decision to drop wrestling is because the university eventually intends to implement another women's sport. The basis for this rumor is that MU currently does not meet gender-equity standards set by the NCAA. The gender-equity standard simply means that universi-

ties with NCAA affiliation must maintain a "balance" of men's and women's sports offered. Some universities find their way around this by offering "club" sports. However, it is illegal to drop sports in order to comply with the gender-equity standard. The main reason for that is to avoid stranding student-athletes who made a commitment to whatever school that may be. Only time and actions taken will reveal if there is any veracity to this rumor.

The long-term effects of this move are also considerable. First, MU will save 7% of the athletic budget. Second, is that the school will definitely lose the interest of many recruits with this decision. That means that Mansfield not only loses potential wrestlers, but potential students as well. Also, this could cause our university to develop an unfair reputation of dropping activities rather than substantiating them. Finally, alumni (particularly those who use to wrestle here) will almost certainly be disgruntled by the move to drop wrestling. This could have an effect on alumni participation and contributions.

All that leaves is Shaw. "Hank" Shaw has served on the wrestling coaching staff since 1966. In 33 years as coach, Shaw coached numerous players. Many of these former players are currently high school coaches, ranging across the state from Pittsburgh to Glen Mills. Shaw's network could have been quite

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Forum is held to help combat tensions that are building up on our campus

by: Anji Nolan
staff reporter

Last Thursday, from 9:30PM to Midnight, a meeting was held in the Cedar Crest Rec Room by Mr. Maresco and sponsored by Michelle Hosey.

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MU "Imagine" campaign wins awards

by: Liz Visotski
staff reporter

Bringing honor to the university thought their superb work, the Mansfield University Public Relations Office has taken two awards in national competition.

The winning pieces were admissions advertisements submitted to the 14th Annual Admission Advertising Awards by PR Director Dennis Miller. The advertis-



This is a copy of one of the award winning campaigns that the PR department launched for the university this semester.

ing poster entitled "Imagine" won the bronze award. It was designed by Mansfield University's own de-

signer Sheran Lawton. Also taking bronze and titled "Imagine" was the admissions poster

designed by Passmore Design of Wellsboro, Pa.

"It's an honor to be in the

top three winner positions in these categories. There was a lot of competition. It also says we're right on the mark in our marketing efforts," Miller said. Competition was nothing if not rough. The submitted entries were among 1,600 others from across the nation from colleges and universities, public and private, small and large.

Miller expressed his pleasure at the awards saying, "I am pleased that someone at Mansfield University was ranked so high among everyone."

***** Parking on campus will be affected on Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16 for President Halstead's Inauguration Celebration. On Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the following parking areas will be reserved for guests attending the inaugural events: Wilson Street, in front of Belknap & Retan, Belknap and Alumni lots, Straughn Drive, Swan Street, Pinecrest Drive, and part of Clinton Street. Students attending evening classes in Belknap or Retan should park near the Fieldhouse, Allen, or Butler Halls since Wilson Street will be closed to through traffic. Employees who usually park in these areas should park in other employee areas or East lot. A shuttle from Endles Mountain Transportation Authority will be available to employees and inaugural guests all day from 5:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Stops will be on Wilson Street in front of Belknap and Retan, College Place at Manser, and the East (E) lot. The shuttle will run continuously between these three points from 5:45 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. The shuttle will take approximately 10 minutes, so keep this in mind if you are waiting to be transported. The University Police Department thanks you for your cooperation so that guests of President Halstead, his family, and the University staff can be accommodated. Please check the Inauguration calendar of events by clicking on "MU News" from the MU homepage (<http://www.mnsfld.edu>). *****

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advantageous to the wrestling program, but it is quite difficult to recruit on such a short scholarship budget. That is more prevalent when you consider that Pennsylvania and Ohio are regarded as the two top states for high school wrestling. Shaw, who is the last coaching faculty member, intends to take on retirement as his next challenge.

Strangely enough, Shaw says the university does not intend to replace him in a faculty capacity either. The only opinion Shaw really offered on this subject was that "It is quite difficult for uninformed people to make intelligent decisions." Quite dignified for someone who is about to see 33 years of work dissipate in the Spring breeze.

Smoke Signals is the last of the film series for the semester

by: Leah Phillips
staff reporter

On Thursday night in Allen Hall, Smoke Signals was shown. It is the last movie in the film series for the semester.

ter. With around 35 people in attendance, the movie proved to be well worth the time.

This movie was written, directed, edited, and starred Native Americans. Chris Ayre and Sherman Alexie worked for the

most part collectively on this project. A lot of the stories told in the movie are based upon Alexie's book The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fist Fight in Heaven.

The story encased in

this movie was one that all could ultimately relate to. The two main characters, Thomas and Victor grow up together in Idaho on an Indian Reservation. Although their relationship is an awful lot like that of siblings, it proves to be a viable one.

In order not to give the whole movie away, (you need to watch it for yourself!) the main point of the movie was universal. The message is that we need to reflect and understand those around us. Relationships are what make up our lives, and if we neglect them what kind of life is that? A lifeless one.

A discussion took place afterwards where different audience members discussed aspects of the film. The relationships between the characters was the most talked about. It was also commented that the cinematography was beautiful. If you like intricate, seamless editing, this movie was admirable.

The next film series will begin the Spring semester of 2000. If you wish to watch Smoke Signals on your own, it was released

on video a couple of weeks ago. If you like Smoke Signals, Alexie's next project is Indian Killer.

The film series is sponsored by Student Activity Fees and Mansfield Activities Council.

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Dr. Mabe clarifies her lecture

To the Editor:

While I much appreciate Darren DeVoue's article on my faculty lecture, I would like to correct and clarify some of the statements.

The burial mounds we excavated in 1997 were all in Russia. There were no burial mounds excavated in Tioga County in 1998, and no human remains found. The firepit excavated in 1998 was probably a cooking hearth since it contained burned bones of a large animal (probably deer) and pot sherds.

The Russian kurgans (burial mounds) are measured in meters, not feet, therefore the article should have said that "dirt piled as high as 4 meters." Actually, some mounds are a good deal larger than that. The burial mound with the 100 horses was not on our site in Russia. This burial was recorded at the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.

The date of the firepit in Tioga County is about 980 years ago (1020 AD), while the dates of the burials in Russia were as old as 2600 years (the 600 BC to 300

AD dates given in the article).

This summer's excavation is ANH 490 Field Study and is cross-listed as a graduate course. If you have had ANH 260 Archaeological Field Methods or field experience in archaeological excavation, you have the pre-requisites to join us.

Thank you for an otherwise good article.

Ann Mabe
PS. It's archaeological sites -- not sights.

Should the *Flashlight* have published the *Trashlight* the semester?

Dear Editor:

There are people who would disagree with your editorial regarding The Trashlight, and the unpleasantness of its being, this April, offensive to readers: Lenny Bruce, Andy Kauffman, Rodney Dangerfield, Peter Sellers, Roseanne Barr, Spike Lee, Redd Foxx, Eddie Murphy, Paula Poundstone, Andrew Dice Clay, Jerry Seinfeld, Woody Allen. Each one of these artists has angered some of his or her audience. Each has probably been wrong or misinformed at times. And each has been willing to risk criticism because he or she is a creative and outspoken humorist with something to say that is creative, refreshing, and helpful for those who care to listen.

Of course, being inoffensive in what you do and say is a sure way to be popular especially with peers, teachers, administrators, or employers. And if anyone has anything critical to say, any disagreement on moral, religious, or consti-

tutional grounds with anyone else let them express it in a way which is not offensive. That's elementary, right? Nothing expressed on the Mansfield campus should offend the standards of decency of the conservative local community in which the university is located. Right?

I don't think so. Not if you want to understand yourself and your capabilities as an individual. Wanting this means problems. It's harder to be accepted and trusted by people who "count" - those who grade, judge, and employ you, although they don't really know who you are and what you feel is important. It's a trade-off, of course, involving delicate decision-making and hard won self-respect. It's sometimes complicated by pressures from members of your ethnic, religious, racial, fraternal, or gender identity group to feel the way they do toward the outside world.

The best *Flashlight* in recent years were those produced when Peter Gade was advisor. They ran some articles that were

misinformed, and a lot that generated intelligent controversy because of rather fearless investigative reporting. Eventually, the response to one of their stories was that those who were offended stole and dumped an entire issue. The *Flashlight* then further annoyed people by writing very angry editorials on the subject of the local lack of understanding of First Amendment rights and responsibilities. The result was that most people simply ran for cover - as in, "this will go away and we'll be back to the calm, safe campus we advertise in our recruiting brochures."

I think the current staff is capable of critical, intelligent, and even "offensive" investigative reporting. As an institution, and especially as a university community, we need more, not less, of it.
Sincerely,
Jay A. Gertzman
Dept. of English

Flashlight reader comments on quality of reporting

To the New Staff of the *Flashlight*:

I would like to compliment the new staff of the *Flashlight* for working hard to produce a weekly newspaper that the members of the M.U. community can be proud of. I was a member of the old staff four years ago, during my freshman year at M.U. I stopped working on the paper after 1 1/2 years as a reporter and found other activities to dedicate my time to.

The best part of the new staff has been that I no

longer fear being misquoted or worrying what incorrect assumptions will blaze the articles about campus events. The mistakes that have happened since the semester began are the results of being human, not unprofessional.

In particular, there are three members of the staff that I would like to point out. First, Editor-In-Chief Kimberly Sapone for using her journalistic talent to print my advertisements whenever I needed for Advocacy and otherwise. Secondly, Carl Madonna, for a well written preview to the

Eighth Annual National Student Conference on Campus Sexual Violence. Lastly, Leah Phillips, for attending every speaker, session, and discussion of the conference and writing a review that I was very impressed with.

Thank you for producing a weekly paper that I look forward to reading.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Rose
DeNicola

Congratulations to Ellen Moody, winner of the *Flashlight's* riddle contest! Thanks to all of those who participated in the contest!

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Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. We encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without a signature and phone number. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content, so why should we?

Corrections

* The MISO festival is sponsored by MAC and Student Activity Fees. We neglected to say this in the article.

*The forum that was held about tension on campus last week was untitled, and was held by SGA, not by the Residence Life staff.

The deadline for submitting anything to the *Flashlight* is the Thursday of production by NOON. Anything that is not in by that time will be put in the following week. Anyone is welcome to submit bulletin board announcements, letters to the editor, commentaries, or stories, however if you are interested in writing any stories, you are strongly urged to attend our meetings on Mondays in 217 Memorial at 4:30 p.m. Other announcements

<flashlight35@hotmail.com>, or call x.4986 and leave a voice mail. The editors will decide what gets printed and what does not.

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The *Flashlight* is looking to fill many positions for the upcoming semester. If you are interested in reporting, editing, layout, design, photography, or office management, the *Flashlight* is the way to go. It looks great on a resume, and is also a great portfolio builder. Stop by 217 Memorial on Mondays at 4:30 or all night Thursdays, e-mail us at <flashlight35@hotmail.com>, or call us at x.4986 and let us know what you are interested in doing. We are looking forward to seeing you!

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Friday, April 9, 1999

Hey MU - choose your battles wisely

by: Jenna Rawa
staff reporter

Certainly there will be times when you will need to confront people and argue. But to make such a task your life and force others to take part, even though it isn't their lifestyle, is ridiculous and unfair. There is so much frustration, tension, and stress in living this college life that when you add more, as a way of solving problems, you soon will lose track of what is truly relevant. Especially when there are more

successful ways of solving heartache than ways that will just cause more.

Recently, I've lost things that once were truly important to me. At first I fought and I fought and I fought. I fought so much that suddenly what I was fighting for was missing. And it still has yet to be found. So, what good did all my fighting do? None. When, in the beginning, I knew that I didn't want to get into it at all, my instinct told me it would solve nothing. I do believe that the things you love are worth fighting for but when you know within yourself what will be solved and what will not and you go

against that, it's your own fault if you lose. I second guessed myself. And I lost the battle. A battle I never wanted to fight in the first place.

All I am saying is that you should choose your battles wisely and most importantly follow your instinct. Don't let anyone in this world make you second guess yourself. Compromising who you are and what you believe in should never be something you have to do. Anyone who asks you to do that or leads you in that direction is someone you need to re-evaluate as a part of your life. Especially those who ask you to do such

a thing and refuse to do the same in there own situations. There are always going to be people who disagree with you and who have opinions different from yours. Fighting that is trying to defeat a fact of life. A battle that will surely be lost.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK :

"It is better to be alone than in ill company."

-George Pettie

Things to do before you register for next semester

by: Anji Nolan
staff reporter

April 5th kicked off the start of Fall 1999 Registration for seniors with 90+ credits, honor students, participating athletes, or students with learning disabilities. If you didn't meet any of these criteria, then, like me, you have to wait for a while to register. The procedure for registration is determined by how many credits you have taken at MU prior to your class-credits taken this spring semester.

For the Freshman who will register for the first time or anyone interested, here are questions you should ask about the classes you are about to

commit yourself to for fall semester. Find students who have taken the class of your interest with the same professor and ask what they thought of it, but also find out what kind of student that they are.

Remember everything is relative. It does no good to ask an honors student who says its easy when you happen to be a regular struggling C student.

Depending upon what you are looking for, ask if the class is a "cake class" this means it's easy also ask the student if they learned anything. If the student's reply is "nothing," ask them if they ever skipped class, and inquire about the professor's teaching style. Also ask how many tests were given, ask if they were multiple choice? T/F? Essay? Short answer? Ask if the class has any quizzes

and home work and make sure to ask how many written papers have to be completed for the semester. Ask to see a former syllabus, although this syllabus may change it gives you a sense of what the professor may expect.

Everyone has their own prejudices, whether it be simple as liking students only to write in pen or to disliking people because of a particular belief, unfortunately. Rumors are not always to be believed, so take what is told to you lightly, but think about why another would student would tell you this, when asking if a professor is sexist, racist or regionalist or has any other prejudices that may clash with you. These prejudices are unfortunate to find, especially on a college campus, but unfortunately do

occur and are something we will all have to face out in the "real world," too.

If you feel that you just can't stand the professor but can't live without taking the class, here are three options. First, see if another professor will teach it during another semester. Second, take it at another college and try to transfer credit. Or bite the bullet and realize life is not peachy, suck it up and just do it. (Take the class!)

Remember ten, to remain clam, and practice your "professionalism" in that class. As soon as you finish class find a good stress reliever such as going to the rec. center, listen to music, or read a book. Good Luck.

Conference Coordinator thanks those on campus who helped out

by: Stephanie Rose DeNicola
guest commentary

From March 26-28, 1999, Mansfield University hosted the Eighth Annual National Student Conference on Campus Sexual Violence. The theme of the weekend was "IMAGINE a World Without Sexual Violence". Since the events of the weekend were accurately described in two issues of the Flashlight, I will not reiterate them. I would, however, like to thank several important people.

Mansfield was chosen to be the only U.S. site in early October, making us the smallest school to ever host the event. For the past seven months, I have dedicated much of my time to coordinating the weekend and making sure even the smallest details were taken care of. I cannot say, however, that I did all of the work because that would be a total lie. While they were publicly thanked at the conference, I would like to let the rest of campus know about the support that I have received from this campus.

Almost all of the administra-

tive offices on campus worked together to help ensure the success of the weekend. Vice President for Student Affairs, Joseph Maresco was our conference advisor. President John Halstead spoke at the conference welcome and officially opened the weekend. Director of Housing Carmen Bianco offered empty on-campus rooms to conference participants at a lower price. Director of Residence Life Michael LeMasters offered Saturday's events as an in-service for resident assistants. Chief of Police, Christine Sheegan prepared the campus police for the influx of drivers on campus.

This semester, I had weekly lunch meetings with people from various majors and offices on campus. The members of the Conference Planning Committee were eager to learn about the conference and helped plan and recruit help. The members were: Darcie A. Goodenough, Colene Smith, Amy Farley, Amber Lindquist, Dr. Lynn Pifer, Ken Orosz, Mary Lou Stroud, Jason Casher, Jessica Price, Joseph Maresco, Emily Eckley, President John Halstead, Christine Sheegan, Linda Shields, Robert Maris, Donna Milicivech, Kathy McNett, Marilyn Lapps, and Marlene Herbst. Food and

Lodging chair Laura Supa kept regular contact with local hotels and received fifteen donations for free meals from the local restaurants. They were raffled off at a soda mixer after the conference keynote speaker on Friday night. Registration chair Peggy Hayes recruited people to help with the registration process. Programming chair MaryBeth Eggleston scheduled R.A.s to help with introducing speakers and collecting evaluation forms. Public Relations chair Kimberly Sapone made sure that all conference events were covered accurately in the campus newspaper. Two other M.U. students, although not members of the committee, were a great help with conference registration, which was Friday from 2-7 pm and Saturday from 7-9 am. Phi Kappa Sigma brother Jeremy Andre offered all of the members of his fraternity and Sigma Tau Gamma brother Benjamin Schea provided several of the members of his fraternity. The brothers of both of both fraternities were a great help to the registration process going very slowly.

Both time and space prevent me from naming every person that helped with the conference, although thank you letters will be sent to all of them. Count-

ing all of the people that attended sessions as well as those who helped, there were 75 people from off campus and 351 from on campus. Out of 14 student conferences against campus sexual violence, this made M.U. the university with the highest on campus help. (So much for campus apathy!)

Coordinating this conference was the most difficult, rewarding, tiring, and inspirational event of my life. Due to their attendance, three of the universities that were at the conference are modeling their advocacy programs after ours. For those of you that missed the keynote, the "Most Dedicated Advocates" Awards went to eight students from three different schools in Minnesota who drove 23 1/2 hours to attend our conference. In conclusions, I would like to thank everyone who helped with the conference, even if it was just to stop me before or after the conference to see how I was doing. Finally, I am very grateful to my boyfriend, Chris, who endured the 9 hour bus ride from Queens to see the conference, and to everyone who listened to my "good news" each day.

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Review.

The Mod Squad: Your Ticket to Action

by: **Ross Raniere**
staff reporter

The original TV series "The Mod Squad" ran from 1968 well into the '70's. Like the recent film update of *The Avengers*, the *The Mod Squad* successfully recaptures some of the flavor of its respective era. Not having seen any episodes of either series, the films are nonetheless entertaining and evoke the spirit of the decades in which they began.

While *Avengers* mixed some '60's nostalgia with '90's trends, the new *Squad* fuses the '90's with the '70's in an unexpectedly fun ride of a movie. We meet the new *Squad* of three after

they already have been given a second chance as undercover cops, following their previous stint as criminals.

Claire Danes, Giovanni Ribisi, and Omar Epps comprise the trio of Julie, Pete, and Linc. They investigate the murder of their boss, who was the victim of a dirty inside job. Dim bulb Pete dents and floods Linc's ride throughout the film, while Linc is left to chase after bad guys on foot. This allows for some refreshing action scenes in place of the usual tired car chases.

Danes lights up the screen as the no-nonsense Julie and Epps' Linc is a force to be reckoned with. Ribisi magnifies his usual goofball persona,

which is amusing to fans of his and the likes of other cool space cases, such as David Arquette and Steve Buscemi.

The score of the film integrates decades as well. The wah-wah guitars of '70's cop shows are mingled with the driving techno beats of today. The cast's clothing is another example of a nod to the original "Mod," and the subject of TV ads inviting you, too, to resemble a groovy *Squad* member. Retro slang is minimal, although "Right on" and "man" are repeated occasionally.

Directed by Scott Silver, *Squad* is darkly atmospheric and visually appealing. The clothes make the men (and women) and Silver's style is reminiscent of top-notch action movies without being excessive or derivative. The script is surprisingly funny and allows the characters and the audience not to

take the film too seriously and just enjoy it.

Squad joins numerous other TV shows converted into usually disappointing films. Both *Avengers* and *Squad* are shamefully underrated updates that critics just don't get. The idea of entertainment and escapism in film is lost on those who search for some higher meaning or symbolism in bloated "epics" that make your eyes droop faster than a Merchant Ivory marathon. You can watch *Squad* while operating heavy machinery.

The Mod Squad is your ticket to a thrilling action/comedy flick. Can you dig it? I knew that you could. **Scale of Tolerability: Extremely Tolerable**

Profile.

Leiboff is Leaving. . . . Wright is On Deck

by **Carl Madonna**
staff reporter

For the past 31 years, Mr. Mike Leiboff has been a part of the Mansfield community. This semester represents Mr. Leiboff's last stand here at Mansfield. After an exciting and plentiful career, Leiboff is ready to call it quits. He will be leaving the mountains and heading for the deserts of Arizona. This move will complete itself on the 1st of June.

Mr. Leiboff's says his best

memory throughout his career has been his active role in the lives of his children. Leiboff has handed both of his sons their diplomas on graduation day. He also has nominated and elected a few of his students into our sports Hall of Fame. It does not end there, Mr. Leiboff was the Director of Forensics here at Mansfield for some time. While serving this club, they flourished and left a rich tradition that Dr. Sharon Carrish now controls.

Mr. Leiboff said the thing he will miss most is the wonderful salary. (Ha. Ha. Ha.)

The one thing he will truly miss most

is the interaction with his students. His favorite part of the job has been teaching the Oral Communications class.

"I have enjoyed my time here, but it is now time to move on," said Leiboff.

Mr. Leiboff will be succeeded by Dr. Lee Wright. Try this one on for irony: Mr. Wright at one point was Mr. Leiboff's advisee. Dr. Wright also was instructed by Mr. Leiboff in several classes. Dr. Wright was also a member of the Forensics Team that Mr. Leiboff headed.

Dr. Lee Wright has been here since 1990. Dr. Wright's most prolific attribute is the fact that he was once a student here, and he knows how to relate to students. As for

changing the department, Dr. Wright likes the way things are running now. The only thing Dr. Wright will be pursuing is the addition of a Graphic Arts Department. Currently, Dr. Lee Wright teaches everything from Oral Communications to Com. Theory and Law.

"I will miss him for various reasons. He was my advisor, mentor, friend, and now partner," Wright said of Leiboff. "He will be missed and his knowledge is irreplaceable."

This life is a test. It is only a test. If this life were real I would have been given further instructions on how to complete this life.

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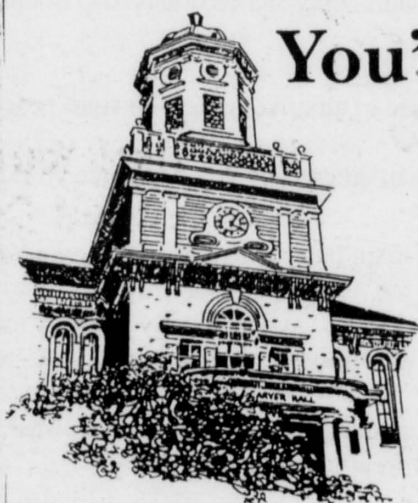
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MU Baseball splits doubleheader with Shippensburg

special to the Flashlight

SHIPPENSBURG, PA — In a key PSAC East showdown that resembled the 1905 World Series of the dead ball era, Mansfield University and Shippensburg University split a doubleheader with Shippensburg taking the opener 2-0 and the Mountaineers rebounding for a 1-0 win in the nightcap.

Adam Lewis (Feasterville/Neshaminy) drove in the only run of the nightcap on a fielder's choice in the third inning. Scott Costa (North Wales/Archbishop Carroll) singled with one out in the top of the third and moved to second on a single to left by Chris Hafich (Aston/Bishop Shanahan).

Cory Goodman (Williamsport/Williamsport) then singled to load the bases for Lewis who hit a sharp grounder to the second baseman and beat the throw from the shortstop at first to breakup the double play attempt and score Costa.

Sophomore Shawn Wettig (East Petersburg/Hempfield) picked up the win by scattering four hits while striking out five over the first 5.2 innings. Chris McGee (Laceyville/Elk Lake) came into the game with two outs and a runner at second in the sixth. After the first hitter he faced reached on an infield hit to put runners on second and third, McGee struck out the next batter looking and would strike out two of the final three hitters in the seventh to pick up his conference leading fourth save of the season. McGee has now fanned 40 batters in just 21 innings this season.

The opener also proved to be a pitching dual between MU's Jeff Emrich (Victor, NY/Victor) a transfer from Alfred State, and Shippensburg's Wayne Miller. Emrich gave up a two out run in the third and fifth innings before being relieved by Bill Allen (Towanda/Towanda). The Mountaineers managed just three hits off of Miller who struck out five while walking three. Mansfield had the bases loaded with one out in the fourth, but had the scoring threat end with a double play.

With the split the Mountaineers go to 21-9 overall and remain one game behind Shippensburg (6-2) and Kutztown (6-2) in the PSAC.

MU Softball picks up two conference wins

special to the Flashlight

MANSFIELD- The Mansfield University women's softball team picked up their first two conference wins of the season today as they swept the West Chester University Golden Rams in a PSAC East doubleheader 4-2 and 4-2.

In the first game, Mansfield took a 1-0 lead in the first when Megan Williams (Shillington/Blue Mountain) reached base by walk. Gwen Shade (Gratz/Upper Dauphin) sacrifice bunted her to second. Rosie Pagana (Newburgh, NY/Newburgh) reached base on an error, which scored Williams.

The Mounties took a 2-0 lead in the third when Williams singles to left field and stole second. Pagana then singled to left field, scoring Williams. In the fifth, Mansfield picked up the winning run when Pagana reached base by walk. Sarah Betke (Troy/Troy) then came in to run for her. Kim Swarts (Peru, NY/Peru) hit a towering shot to right center for a triple and the game winning RBI. Swarts went 2-3 at the plate while Pagana went 2-2.

Junior pitcher Kelly Morris (Centreville, MD/Queen Anne) picked up her 6th win of the season.

In the second game, the Mounties were down 2-1 in the bottom of the fourth when Kris Petersen (Rochester/Greece Athena) singles to right center and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Renee Grinnell (Liberty/Liberty) advanced Petersen to third. Betke then singles in the tying run. Kim Swarts then went on to single in the winning run.

Sophomore pitcher Angi Crater (Lebanon/Lebanon) picked up her fourth win of the season on the mound.

Mansfield is now 10-12 overall and 2-8 in the PSAC. They travel to East Stroudsburg on Thursday.

Crawford and Coyle lead MU track to fifth place finish

special to the Flashlight

ITHACA, NY — Lamar Crawford took first in both the high jump and 110 high hurdles while Sayre David Coyle was first in the 400 meters to lead the Mansfield University mens track team to a fifth place finish at the 13 team Ithaca Invitational late Saturday night.

Crawford had a winning jump of 6-6 in the high jump and also posted a winning time of 15.42 in the high hurdles while placing second in the long (21-08.75) and triple (43-01.5) jumps.

Sayre High graduate David Coyle defended his Invitational title in the 400 meters with a winning time of 49.46, and also finished third in the 200 meters with a time of 22.84. Eric Frantli was fifth in the pole vault at 12-06.25.

The womens team was ninth overall with 20 points.

Sophomore Kristen Clark was second in the 5,000 meters with a time of 20:21 while freshman Nichole Beckel was third in the 3,000 at 11:11. Kim Carman was third in the pole vault (8-0) while Karen Krouse was sixth in the shot and discus.

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Chronology of events in Kosovo conflict

by: The Associated Press

1968 - First pro-independence demonstrations by ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

1974 - New Yugoslav constitution declares Kosovo an autonomous province within Serbia.

1980 - Yugoslav leader Marshal Josip Broz Tito dies.

1981 - Ethnic Albanians hold street demonstrations demanding Kosovo be declared a republic; dozens injured.

1989 - Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic strips Kosovo of autonomy. More than 20 killed in protests.

1990 - Yugoslavia sends in troops and Serbia dissolves Kosovo's government.

1991 - Separatists proclaim Kosovo a republic, which is recognized by neighboring Albania.

1992 - Ibrahim Rugova, advocate of a peaceful path to independence, elected president of separatist republic.

1996 - Pro-independence Kosovo Liberation Army emerges, claims responsibility for bombing police targets.

Events in 1998

Feb. 28 - Militant Kosovo Albanians kill two Serb policemen, leading to police reprisals by Milosevic, now the Yugoslav president.

March - Dozens killed in Serb police action against suspected Albanian separatists.

April - 95% of Serbs reject international mediation on Kosovo in referendum. International sanctions imposed against Yugoslavia.

May - Milosevic and Rugova hold talks for first time, but Albanian side boycotts further meetings.

July and August - KLA seizes control of 40% of Kosovo before being routed in Serb offensive.

September - Serb forces attack central Kosovo, where 22 Albanians found massacred. U.N. Security Council adopts resolution calling for immediate cease-fire.

October - NATO allies authorize airstrikes against Serb military targets, Milosevic agrees to withdraw troops and allows 2,000 unarmed monitors to verify compliance.

October-December - Scattered daily violence undermines fragile truce.

Events in 1999

Jan. 15 - 45 Ethnic Albanians slain outside Racak, spurring international peace efforts.

Feb. 6-17 - First round of talks between Kosovo Albanians and Serbs in Rambouillet, France.

February - March - Yugoslav forces sweep through Macedonian border region, digging in opposite NATO forces. Rebels launch several attacks on Serbs.

March 18 - Kosovo Albanians sign peace deal calling for interim autonomy and 28,000 NATO troops to implement it. Serb delegation refuses and talks are suspended.

March 22 - U.S. special envoy Richard Holbrooke warns Milosevic of airstrikes unless he signs peace agreement. Milosevic refuses.

March 23 - NATO authorizes airstrikes. Yugoslavia declares state of emergency - its first since World War II.

March 24 - NATO airstrikes begin. Belgrade police shut down the main independent broadcaster in Yugoslavia, B-92 radio, and arrest its chief editor.

March 25 - NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark says NATO forces will "systematically" destroy the Yugoslav military unless Milosevic ends his offensive. Aides to Milosevic denounce the airstrikes as "a grave crime against the people" of Yugoslavia.

March 27 - President Clinton says the United States and its allies are determined to "defuse a powder keg at the heart of Europe." The pilot of an American F-117A stealth fighter is rescued hours after his plane went down in Yugoslavia.

March 28 - Thousands of refugees, mostly women and children, flood into Albania and Macedonia from Kosovo, telling of door-to-door raids, looting and burning by Serb forces. Officials plead for international help to prevent a humanitarian crisis.

March 30 - Talks between Russia's prime minister and Milosevic apparently fail to bring a breakthrough that would end NATO attacks on Serb forces.

March 31 - Western officials acknowledge that NATO's missiles and bombs have so far failed to stop Belgrade's offensive in Kosovo.

April 1 - Three captured U.S. soldiers are shown on Serbian television with dirt or abrasions on their faces. The three face charges by a Yugoslav military court. Tens of thousands of refugees, some packed shoulder to shoulder into train cars, pour out of Kosovo.

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Honor students present their senior honors projects

by: **Liz Visotski**
staff reporter

In the Community Room of North Hall, six students from Mansfield University's Honor's Program presented to the assembled students and faculty their Senior Honor's projects.

The senior honor project is the capstone of the honor's program. To complete this presentation is to put to use to skills that have been developed in the lower courses and to finish the requirements for the program.

Starting of the presentations was Steve Winnie with his presentation, "A Capitol Experience." Winnie had spent a semester in Har-

risburg working within the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on his internship and participating in the "Capitol Experience" program. Students that are selected for the program interview in several offices in the capitol and then choose which offices they would like to work with. The office staff also chooses students and the lists are combined to assign students to positions. Winnie was given the chance to work with the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. His duties involved writing letters, gathering information, helped plan the House Republican Caucus retreat, and compiled a video with other interns to make a video to help familiarize new interns to their jobs and the lay of the land.

Winnie spoke enthusiastically about his experiences and

how they will help him as he leaves Mansfield in May to go on to studying law at Colombia University.

The second presentation was Derek Furry with "The Internet as a Teaching Tool for the Java Programming Language." He commented that the internet is the place to effectively learn Java because it is interactive, unlike books like "Java for Dummies" for CD ROM programs. He evaluated nine pages for seven different criteria that would be useful for the teaching of the language. His Power Point presentation showed the highlights of the pages while he pointed out their pro's and con's.

Following Furry was Kim Carmen with "Wartime Cartoon Films: Yet Another In-

stance Where Medium has a Message." During the Second World War 85-90 million went to the movie a week, making the motion pictures a perfect vehicle for propaganda. Film carries a message, and the Disney and Warner Brothers Studios commonly created cartoon shorts for films that carried messages that were in support of the war effort. Often there were two to three cartoon shorts per feature film. Cartoons were easier vehicles of propaganda than regular films because they showed the "plain folks," could show community ideals easier than feature films, and used patriotic sounds and images to gain support. Some of the cartoons created during that time were so harsh in their racial stereotypes that they will never be publicly shown again.

Other students that presented as part of the program were Dixie Sheriden with "Chopin Celebrates Women," and B. Joy Bement "Influence of Other Cultures on Hebrew Law, Specifically the Decalogue." Finishing up the presentation was Ben Stevens with "Reunited yet still Divided: Social and Linguistic Discrimination in Contemporary Germany." The six students were all exceptional in their presenting of the data and issues they were speaking of. The audience went away with an increased understanding and awareness of the topics covered.

Little League President helps to welcome Dr. Halstead to MU

by: **Anji Nolan**
staff reporter

Over 50 members of Mansfield University welcomed Little League President Stephen D. Keener. Keener welcomed Dr. Halstead to Mansfield, Tuesday April 13 at 7 p.m. in the North Dining Room in Manser. Attendees included the Mansfield University baseball team, and President Halstead and family among others.

The Little League baseball program was founded in 1939 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania by Carl Stutz as something for his nephews to do. Little

League baseball espouses the virtues of character, courage and loyalty and was designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes. Little League has more than 3 million players age 5 to 18 in 200,000 leagues and 99 countries.

Keener has worked in the Little League Organization since 1980 as assistant director to public relations. He was named director in 1984. In 1994 he was chosen as only the third full-time president in Little League's history. He became president in 1996 and is the only president to have played Little League.

"Little League is a small business. It has one million volunteers and 100 employees and has an operating budget of \$13 million compared to The U.S. Boy

Scouts of America with an operating budget of \$320 million."

Keener spoke on three main issues: character, scholarship, and service.

He described Roger Maris's greatest attribute as his character despite his accomplishments as a baseball player. He was far more a man than a home run hitter.

Keener also described the link between academics and athletics.

"The Little League Hall of Excellence success on chosen professional field; serve as role models. The Hall of Excellence will go out of our way to seek qualified individuals," Keener said.

Little League has an impact in many societies and

impacts the child and family from far off as King Hussain of Jordan who advised his European Little League team if to play the Israeli champions and if that were to occur to come home and not play. The following year Jordan and Israeli were matched up against each other and played. The boys demonstrated hugs, high fives and put aside the natural bigotry and hatred. King Hussain, had a change of heart and congratulated them on sportsmanship.

Not all are winners on the field but after the final score is tallied all are winners for their participation. This is the child's first step to take place outside of the family structure and often a first experience outside of school, Keener noted.

Today 121 countries are

members of the IBA. In 2001, there are plans to expand the Little League World Series from an eight league tournament to a sixteen league tournament to build another stadium behind the current Little League World Series stadium.

"I can still remember the times that I had played catch with my father and my mother and it was not just the memory of the ball and the glove but the quality time that I spent with my parents," said Dr. Halstead after Keener's speech.

Keener was just one of the many speakers that are helping to welcome Dr. Halstead leading up to his inauguration this weekend.

POLICE BEAT

4-2-99-MU police have charged a Wellsboro man as the result of an investigation into the recent burglary of the university's water plant and WNTE, the student radio station. Paul Losinger, Jr., 25, of Wellsboro, PA has been charged by MU Police on five counts relating to theft of MU property. Police charged Losinger with one count of burglary, three counts of theft by unlawful taking, and one count of corruption of a minor. He is charged with taking a portable, two-way radio, an AM/FM radio, two flashlights and other items from the university water treatment plant as well as two sets of headphones and numerous compact discs from the campus radio station. Police said the thefts at the radio station occurred on January 10 and February 7, 1999; the burglary at the water treatment plant occurred around March 1, 1999. Losinger was apparently assisted by a juvenile. Losinger is in the Tioga County Prison on \$10,000 bail. University Police Chief, Christine Shegan said the property was recovered at Losingers home as a result of a search. The MU Police, along with Mansfield and the PA State Police are continuing the investigation. Neither Losinger or the juvenile are Mansfield students.

4-2-99-Student reportedly being harrassed by another student. Incident is under investigation.

4-5-99-Person(s) unknown made a phone call of a training nature to an individual in Cedarcrest. Victim is a student. Investigation is continuing.

Moyer and Carpenter are the new president and vice president of SGA

by: **Kimberly Sapone**
editor-in-chief

The Student Government Association of Mansfield University held elections this past Wednesday and Thursday in Lower Manser to elect a student body president and vice-president.

James Moyer was elected as president with a vote total of 190 votes. Lisa Carpenter won the vice-president's seat with 207 votes. A total of 400 students made their voices heard by voting in the election, one of

the biggest recent turnouts.

"I am obviously very pleased with the outcome," Moyer said of his victory. "The first step has been taken, and now we can start developing plans for next year."

Winning the 18 available student senator positions were (in order of the number of votes they received) Samantha Lewis, Rebecca Freeland, Cathy Fritz, Susan Pottichen, Misty Ackley, Leanne Roberts, Nicole Ruth, Jessica Niemy, Stephanie Rose DeNicola, Shawn Melly, Heidi Hook, Allison York, Dane Gross, Missy Falls, Amy Farley, Emily

Eckley, Cathy Lee Warner, and Ken Tripple

E.J. Gallagher, current Student Government Vice-President was the main overseer of voting.

"I would like to sincerely thank the members of Sigma and Phi Sigma Pi, Katherine Gallagher, and Christina Draper Mr. Joe Maresco, Donna Milicevich, Clarence Crisp, and the Flashlight for all of their help in making this a successful election," Gallagher said..

Review...

MISO dinner celebrates cultural diversity

by: Leah Phillips, Anji Nolan, and Liz Visotski
staff reporters

On Sunday, April 10, MISO celebrated its 18th Festival. The theme "Imagine Cultural Sensitivity" was just a fantastic name for what the evening held for the 200 who attended.

MISO, Mansfield International Student Organization, made up of around 40 people, has been a support structure for the international students that attend MU and the American students who are there to learn and help ease the students into their new setting. The evening was packed full of appreciating different cultures, brilliant colors in the dress, and some really good food.

The food was made by the MISO students. Some of the dishes served included Chicken Curry from Sri Lanka, Nikujaga from Japan, Liapingachos from Ecuador, Baklava from Greece, and Ginger Beer (a lot like Birch Beer, but made with Ginger) from the Caribbean. The menu actually had around 20 different dishes, all varying in taste and origin.

The hosts for the night were Geraldine Kioko and Ben Stevens. "Everything has cultural significance," Stevens said. "We are not just doing this for show. We are hoping people learn from this while still being entertained."

Dr. Ayewoh was the first presenter by giving an African blessing from the tribe of Edu. Most of the audience seemed enticed by his blessing, the fist bit in his native language and then the whole in English.

The Mansfield Uni-

versity Chamber Singers then presented four songs: A Calypso from Costa Rica, a piece from Venezuela, America the Beautiful, and finally an Irish blessing.

Next, Hiroyuki Ikushima, President of MISO, gave an official welcome to the large audience. Geraldine Kioko then introduced very gracefully the night's Guest of Honor, Dr. Ann Mabe.

Through her time here at MU, Dr. Mabe has spent a lot of time learning about different cultures through her anthropology studies and travels. She has become the liaison between some of the international students and the American culture that is not always as forgiving as it should be. During her speech, she gave several suggestions for the MU campus. First, when Manser has casseroles or just servings of meat, it would not be to hard to label them. It is very disconcerting for an international student when "hamburger" is not pig, but cow. Many cultures and/or religions prohibit the consumption of certain animals. This is a serious problem for some international students. They eventually become vegetarian, avoiding all meats.

Dr. Mabe's second suggestion was about eye contact. In some other cultures, except the American culture, it is unacceptable to look someone in the eyes. To look someone in the eye is disrespectful. When an international student, who has been taught all their life not to look people in the eyes, comes to MU and encounters their Com101 class, it can be very upsetting. The students are taught to look people in the eye and graded on their eye contact with their audience. Dr. Mabe asked if there could be some sort of compromise.

Dr. Mabe's last point was dealing with our own personal backgrounds. When people

have grown up with different backgrounds and taught different life lessons, it is not absurd to assume we have different points of view. Unfortunately the international students have to deal with professors not only disagreeing with their point of view, but telling them they are wrong for having it. They are NOT wrong for having their own point of view. These days people are respected for having their own mind. Professors need to accept this and pat students on the back for standing up and sharing their beliefs and experiences, Mabe said.

Dr. Mabe was very well heard by the audience, for most seemed entranced by the stories she had been told by the international students. She ended with saying "Thank You" in ten different languages.

Siva Ponnudurai, a MISO alumni, performed a drum solo. It was entitled "Keep the Beat" in which he was going to perform with Daniel Mendonca. Mendonca was unable to perform though because his drum had broken in half.

Following Ponnudurai several groups performed music from their home countries. Geraldine Kioko sang "Malaika" in her native language of Swahili. It is about a man who does not have the money to pay the bride wealth. He is really in love with a woman he calls Angel. She noted that it is not that he has to pay for the woman, but pay the father. (If you do not understand take Dr. Mabe's ANT 101 class.) Geraldine's song was beautiful and the sound of the language was pleasing to the ear. The audience seemed inter-

ested and calmed by the experience.

Next, Christina Jacome performed "A Danca do Ventre" which is from Brazil and translates to "Dance of the Womb." It is a dance performed yearly at Brazil's Carnival.

Following Jacome, Richard Morris and a couple of his friends performed two songs. Morris, who is from Trinidad, performed *Untold Stories* and *The Plumber Song*. Both songs were stories. "The Plumber Song" was comical in that it was not really about a plumber. You can guess.

Siva Ponnudurai then presented a slide show which covered Brazil, India, Sri Lanka, Ecuador, Japan, Hong Kong, Kenya, and Bangladesh. The presentation was very well done with terrific pictures and great background music to accompany. An information slide was also presented which told of the country's capitol, currency, number of people, and industries.

Greg Peck, who donated and ran the lighting and electronic equipment, was next to perform. Peck has just finished his Wedding Suite and played Movement II for the audience. It is the song he has composed electronically and his wife walked down the aisle to it.

The audience was in stitches with the next act. "Ninin Baori," a Japanese Game Show, was presented by Hiroyuki Ikushima, Yukinobu Yukawa, Satomi Kuwaki, and Yip Chan. The game was to see how much food Yukawa could eat, trying to empress Kuwaki. Although it was humorous, there was a little confusion how this attracted Kuwaki. A contest then followed to see who could, out of the audience, eat the most. The tricky part was the person eating was not moving the food to their own mouths. They had to work collectively with the blindfolded person behind them to

eat. It was truly funny.

Ben Stevens, "The White Guy from PA," as he referred to himself hosted the next act "Let's communicate." It was a game where three contestants from the audience heard common phrases in Spanish, Japanese, Swahili, Chinese, and Yip Chan's outerspace dialect. It was a challenge for the contestants and the audience members as both groups guessed at the translation. It was a good time to hear the different languages and learn some new words.

Hiroyuki Ikushima gave his closing speech outlining his father's time in the United States. He explained to the audience how his father thought he had become kidnapped on Halloween night when actually Ikushima had gone to a party. His father did not understand how safe Mansfield was and when people showed up on his doorstep in costumes, he was scared. It all ended well, and Ikushima's father returned home with a new perspective. He will be graduating this year and said his farewells.

Geraldine Kioko hosted the Tradional Dress show. The members of MISO showed their different dress and a brief description was given. The colors were brilliant and really enjoyed by the audience.

Ms. Annie Cooper concluded the evening with a short thanks to all that participated. She then did a small speech on respect and cultural sensitivity ending with "If we are happy with ourselves, we wouldn't make people miserable."

The audience then joined with the MISO to sing "Imagine" by John Lennon. "Imagine" is MISO's theme song for its words mean so much.

Art exhibit held in honor of Dr. Halstead's inauguration

by: Holly Blyler
staff reporter

This past week, an art exhibit was on display in Allen Hall in honor of President John Halstead's inauguration. A special reception was held April 13th at noon in Allen. President Halstead and his wife were the guests of honor. Cake and refreshments were served to a genuinely pleased Halstead.

"This was very thoughtful," Halstead said. "I'm very honored that the students and the faculty did this for me."

The exhibit included works from Dr. Hamwi's painting class, Mr. Pazzaglia's waterbase class, both Mr. Loomis' jewelry and sculpture classes, and Dr. Carter's computer art class. Students created their own portraits of President Halstead, the strangest being of Halstead's head on the body of a frog.

"I won't ask what the significance of the frog is," a laughing Halstead said. "I seem to be a very unique subject matter. Some of these (pictures) actually make me look better."

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Editorial

Hello again, Mansfieldians. As the semester winds down, I know that most of us are faced with a lot of work - maybe we have been putting it off for a long time, but now is the time when it stares us in the face. Good luck in getting all those end-of-the semester projects and papers done.

Besides that, I just want to take this opportunity to sound off a little bit. Let's talk about hearts, shall we? I know that most of you, whether or not you are currently in a relationship, have experienced that good old thing we call a broken heart at least once. It doesn't necessarily have to come from a boyfriend or girlfriend. Friends can break your heart as well. Sometimes, it is your best friend and significant other doing the damage. It's strange how it puts things into perspective, isn't it? That cruel slap in the face is sometimes just what you need in order to realize that maybe the other person isn't who you thought they were at all, and that even though it hurts, you probably are much better off without them. It's also in times like this when you realize just how much your friends mean to you. Knowing that they will always be there to hand you Kleenex during the sad times as well as to help you bad-mouth during the angry times. It is unfortunate that you have to lose a friend sometimes in order to realize how good you have it. So, take a minute and be grateful to your true friends this weekend.- they really are a treasure. (Thanks guys.)

I also just want to make a statement on the behalf of the *Flashlight* staff. If you are reading through this week's edition, and you are offended by something, like something, have a different view on something, or anything else, please, feel free to write me a letter. You can be angry, happy, whatever. Just say it intelligently, without personal attacks. Our reporters are doing their jobs to the best of their ability, and we are all learning along the way as well. You have to give respect in order to get it.

Well, students of MU, until next time.

HELP! I think I have an electron stuck in my tooth

by: Jenna Rawa
staff reporter

Here's a vocabulary word for you, triboluminescence. Who ever knew that those yummy Wintergreen Lifesavers could cause such a thing to happen, right inside your mouth. Triboluminescence is the lighting resulting from crushing or tearing. When you bite into a Wintergreen lifesaver the electrons break loose and scatter frantically. When they realize there is no place to hide they try to return to the safe sugar molecules that once took care of them. But, having already been replaced by nitrogen, the electrons crash into the sugar-nitrogen combo causing blue sparks. Interesting. Hate sucking on life savers but don't think you can stand to have a fireworks

display in your mouth? Looks like you'll be turning to Jolly Ranchers.

The more and more I read about the things done in earlier times, I just want to laugh. The working mind was working alright, on about 4 brain cells. Let's take a few examples into account. Quick, bleed me to get rid of my tuberculosis. I guess the thought was "you might bleed to death, but hey, no more TB."

Or how about if you were a witch, you'd drown or burn on the pole. Um, maybe I'm mistaken but holding anyone's head under water would result in drowning and all flesh burns. It doesn't take an Einstein to figure that one out. I'm sure that witches really exist too, right? I guess the belief of that was enough evidence that alot of those people weren't sure.

It was also believed that the a vein of blood, called the

Vena Amori (Vein of Love) ran from the left third finger directly into the heart. It only seemed appropriate to then make that finger the "wedding ring finger". A tradition that we still uphold. That one I think I can handle. As for witches and whack medical procedures, no thanks. I'd rather watch *The Craft* and take some Advil.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK :

" People who think they know everything are a great annoyance

to those of us who do."

-Anon

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Corrections

* Your eyes weren't deceiving you - the same article was printed twice under 2 different headlines last week. The pages were also out of order. Sorry for the confusion.

* In Stephanie DeNicola's commentary, it should have said "brothers of both fraternities helped the registration process running smoothly." It was written as slowly.

The deadline for submitting anything to the *Flashlight* is the Thursday of production by NOON. Anything that is not in by that time will be put in the following week. Anyone is welcome to submit bulletin board announcements, letters to the editor, commentaries, or stories, however if you are interested in writing any stories, you are strongly urged to attend our meetings on Mondays in 217 Memorial at 4:30 p.m. Other announcements can be dropped off at the office, e-mailed to <flashlight35@hotmail.com>, or call x.4986 and leave a voice mail. The editors will decide what gets printed and what does not.

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Commentary

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Tips on college life from a senior who knows what she's talking about

by: Fawnya York
staff reporter

I am graduating in 3 weeks. I had planned on writing a commentary to say good-bye to my friends and such. But before that I wanted to pass on some words of advice. These are things that I have learned in my four years. Actually I learned most of this in the last year or so. I thought that I would pass on the things I learned to you:

-College is not as easy as high school. You actually have to do work.

-If you are interested

in taking a class, take it. Who cares if you won't know anyone in the class. That is how you make new friends and get new interests.

-Don't believe everything your friends say. They can be wrong especially about other people. Just because your friend doesn't like a certain person or professor it doesn't mean you won't like them.

-As questions. Don't wait for someone else to ask the questions for you. If you don't understand something, ask. You are here to learn.

-Join different groups and organizations. This is one of the only times in your life you can be involved in

anything you want. You have a chance to become a more well-rounded person- learning more about anything and everything. Don't waste your years here.

-Use the facilities that are at your disposal. If you are having problems in a class- go to the tutors. Every class has a tutor to help you. Ask your professors for help- that's what they are there for.

-Remember you don't need tons of friends. It's nice to know a lot of people but only a few of those people will be there when you leave this place.

-My last word of ad-

vice is enjoy your time here. Don't just let it pass you by. You will always remember these years so make the best of them.

Now that I have said all these things. I have something that I need to complain about. I have been here for four years. This past week has been the first time ever that I have seen this campus is being cleaned. I understand that the Inauguration is an important event on the campus, but why don't the students deserve a clean campus everyday. The University doesn't go to this extreme for graduation, for visitors like James Earl Jones, or even for the former first lady of the United States.

Having Hotmail problems?? We know what's wrong

by: Fawnya York
staff reporter

I, like many of you use hotmail for my e-mail. Just like you I have also had a really hard time using hotmail like you have. I thought it was

their new upgrade-wrong. After trying for two hours to use my e-mail one day I decided to find out what was going on. I spent an hour on the phone with a computer technician- who hasn't gotten back to me. Then when he was of no help I spent two days e-mailing (with my other e-mail account) back and forth with the

people at hotmail. I found out why we are having problems.... This wonderful high tech new library we have- guess what its not so great. The reason we can't use our e-mail when we want or need to is because there is a problem with our server. It has nothing to do with hotmail. Ask anyone that has an account off cam-

pus and they will tell you they are not having a problem. So those are the answers to your problems. Unfortunately, I don't have a solution. You have to decide on your own what you are going to do with this information.

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The Full Monty:

all you ever wanted to know about our library's own Monty McAdoo

by: **Carl Madonna**
staff reporter

Monty McAdoo, the instructional services librarian at North Hall, will be leaving Mansfield University after a three-year stint that began with the opening of North Hall in the fall of 1996. McAdoo has been responsible for coordinating and

implementing new technology and making sure no haphazard buying of equipment takes place.

"This library appealed to me so much," McAdoo said. "I will really miss the library and the people that frequented the library."

McAdoo will be going to Edinboro University to work as their main librarian while pursuing his masters degree. Edinboro's library is one of the last to be fully renovated in the Pennsylvania State

System. McAdoo said he will miss the students most of all.

"I tried to be approachable and friendly with every student that I encountered," he said. McAdoo had frequent contact with students. He has spoken at freshman orientations and has participated in several dormitory functions. Last semester, he participated with the street hockey league sponsored by Residence Life.

"When I get to Edinboro I want to rebuild the rapport and accept the terrific pro-

fessional opportunity to see some of the newest state-of-the-art technology," McAdoo said.

McAdoo will be missed in the Mansfield community. Mansfield University freshman Dan Amidon said of McAdoo, "He's a great help when something technological goes wrong in the library."

Another student, Les Williams said, "I will miss Monty because he always helped me when I needed assistance."

Rushmore : An Oddball Academy

by: **Ross Raniere**
staff reporter

Wes Anderson, best known for Bottle Rocket, has directed yet another quirky, offbeat film, Rushmore.

Jason Schwartzman stars in his movie debut as the crafty and deviate student Max Fischer. While he might be considered an amateur by some, he has some notable Hollywood lineage.

He is the son of Talia Shire (Rocky's Adrian), and is related to Nicholas Cage and the Coppola family. Surprisingly,

and thankfully, he has more talent than the static, boring Cage.

Schwartzman and Bill Murray, in a supporting role, are wonderful foils as two guys competing for the same woman. She teaches at Max's high school, Rushmore Academy.

Murray is a millionaire and has financial stability to offer her. Max is obsessed with winning her over, and uses all his academic prowess in his attempt. Max is also an overachiever, founding or belonging to just about every club and organization on his campus. This is revealed in one of the best movie montages in recent memory.

The directing in Rushmore is the film's strongest point. The low-key and subtle visual presentation is what makes the movie a definite original in a sea of Holly-

wood special effects bonanzas.

Rushmore also contains an effective, obscurity-laden soundtrack. The music in the movie is not just there to sell CDs. It helps tell the story, which is more than can be said for many current teen flicks whose soundtracks are "from and inspired by" the film. All the songs in Rushmore are not only from the film, they also inspire it.

The script is full of crisp dialogue that perfectly matches the characters. Unlike other recent subpar screenplays (i.e. the collected works of Kevin Williamson), Rushmore does not seem as if it was written on napkins and empty pizza boxes.

Olivia Williams is an exquisite choice for the object of the guys' affection. She was one of the bright spots of The Postman (a critically abused film that no one both-

ered to actually see). Memo to Hollywood: hire this actress.

Murray's performance has gotten much attention, as the movie itself is not the usual vehicle for his brand of comedy. While good, it is not a particularly standout role.

Most of his previous roles have been better showcases for his talents. What About Bob, Ghostbusters, Groundhog Day, Larger Than Life, and The Man Who Knew Too Little all contain superior Murray characters. Although a Murray fan, I disagree with the critics who felt he was snubbed during Oscar nominations.

Rushmore is a refreshingly odd film that will please viewers who are tired of the status quo of comedy. Scale of Tolerability: Mostly Tolerable

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MU Softball beats fourth ranked Bloomsburg

special to the Flashlight

MANSFIELD— The Mansfield University women's softball team almost did the impossible tonight, knocking off the fourth ranked team in Division II softball in the country, the Bloomsburg University Huskies. At the end of the conference doubleheader, Mansfield found themselves swept by the conference powerhouse 2-1 and 14-12.

In the first game, junior pitcher Kelly Morris (Centreville, MD/Queen Anne's) held the BU offense to only one hit going into the sixth inning, while striking out six batters.

Mansfield had taken a 1-0 lead in the third inning when junior Kim Swarts (Peru, NY/Peru) singled in junior Megan Williams (Shillington/Blue Mountain) who reached on base by a fielder's choice.

In the sixth inning, Bloomsburg doubled and then homered to center field for the game-winning runs.

In the second game, the Mounties never captured the lead, but threatened many times. In the seventh, sophomore Kirsten Stevens (Troy/Troy) belted a two-run home run over the center field fence to cut the BU lead 14-12.

At the plate, Stevens went 2-2 with two runs scored and four RBI.

In a doubleheader that saw a combined 12 extra base hits, five of which were home runs, the Mounties offensive attack was in full force, pounding out 19 hits on the afternoon. Facing a team which came into the game undefeated in conference play, Mansfield proved to be worthy competitors to the confident Bloomsburg squad.

Mansfield's record drops to 12-14 overall and 4-10 in the PSAC East. Bloomsburg improves to 33-4 overall and 18-0 in the conference.

Their next game is this Saturday when they travel to Millersville. They return home this Sunday to face Lycoming College. The non-conference doubleheader begins at noon at Helen Lutes Field.

Track and field team places second

special to the Flashlight

MANSFIELD — The Mansfield University men's and women's track and field teams each finished second in a tri-meet with Bloomsburg and Lock Haven University Wednesday afternoon.

Sayre's Dave Coyle led the Mountaineer men with first place finishes in the 200 (21.9) and 400 (49.9) meters while Lamar Crawford took top honors in the 110 hurdles (14.9) and long jump (21' 1/2). Crawford was also second in the high and triple jumps.

Also placing first for the MU men were Eric Franitti (Beaver Falls/Blackhawk) in the pole vault (10-0) and Dave Banyar (Shickshinny/Wyoming Valley West) in the javelin (157-5).

Colleen Ryder (Oakmont/Oakland Catholic) recorded wins in the 800 (2:34.8) and 3000 (11:42) meters to lead the MU women. Karen Krouse (New Cumberland/Red Land) took first in the discus (97-9) and Kim Carman (Trumansburg, NY/Dickerson) in the pole vault (8-0) for the Mountaineers.

Lock Haven won both the men's and women's competition with (159m, 146w). Mansfield scored 101 in the men and 109 in women's.

MU Baseball team ranked in this week's NCAA Division II poll

special to the Flashlight

MANSFIELD, PA - The Mansfield University baseball team re-entered Collegiate Baseball Magazine's NCAA Division II poll this week after winning four of six Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East games last week. The Mounties were also ranked 24th for the week of March 22.

Mansfield (24-10/8-4 PSAC) split doubleheaders against Shippensburg University Monday and 15th ranked Millersville University Thursday, and swept Bloomsburg University Saturday. All three doubleheaders were on the road.

The Mounties host Ithaca College Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in a nine-inning non-conference game, and travel to West Chester University Saturday for a PSAC doubleheader.

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directed by Peggy Dettwiler

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All events are in Steadman Theatre.
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Proceeds benefit the Music Scholarship Fund.

The musical weekend is one of a series of events celebrating the inauguration of Dr. John R. Halstead as MU's 25th president.

AN EVENING WITH SAM DONALDSON

Award winning ABC news correspondent Sam Donaldson will share "The View From Washington"

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 8 P.M.

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Mr. Donaldson's appearance is cosponsored by Citizens and Northern Bank. Tickets are available at the Mansfield, Wellsboro, Towanda, Troy and Elkland branches, and at the door.

The presentation is one of a series of events celebrating the inauguration of Dr. John R. Halstead as MU's 25th president.



MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY

DISCLAIMER *We at the Flashlight thought maybe the students would be interested in some humor. Everything on this page is a farce. We found it on a web page called the conspiracy page. We thought maybe during finals week and during a break from all those papers you might want to read something funny. Here is the address for the page: <http://spacerad.com/mallakai/frame.html> these three articles are just some samples of what you will find on the page. It is all in fun, we hope no one is offended, they are meant to amuse you.

CRAZY FEMINISTS ATTACK A HOT DOG VENDOR

Des Moines, Iowa— During an enormous protest on the steps of the Des Moines city hall a group of angry feminists assaulted an innocent and helpless hot dog vendor.

The large feminist crowd had showed up early in the morning to protest women's unfair treatment regarding their apparent restriction from all lavatories bearing the word "Men" on front of them. They claimed the term "MEN" is a sexist, male chauvinistic form of oppression to women. Furthermore, the protesters also declared that "MALE is another sexist male chauvinist term used for oppression of women. In demonstration of their feelings on the subject of male chauvinist repression, the feminist mob danced around the city hall carrying signs and attacking cars, bikes, and clothing belonging to men, and men themselves. The slogan of the women's right's activists "Women are way-cooler than men are!", was written, carved, and spray painted over everything surface in sight.

Ahmed Damiel Abib, a middle-class and male hot dog vendor was working in the area at the time. Ahmed tried to ignore the ruckus and sell hot dogs, but the women were disturbing his work and attacking his customers both physically and with sharp chunks of obsidian. A bystander reported seeing Ahmed mutter, under his teeth in his native tongue the equivalent of "damn women". Unfortunately for Ahmed, women can smell it when someone says something of bad intent about them, even if it is in Arabic. A hush came over the crowd like the quiet before the storm, then a girlie in the crowd yelled "GET HIM!". Second's later hundreds of slightly overweight, self-defense class taking women stampeded towards the defenseless Ahmed. The riotous group surrounded the vendor and his stand and thousands of slaps were directed towards Ahmed as well the world famous windmill" maneuver by some of the more belligerent members of the crowd.

Mr. Abib and his stand were left in ruins, both suffering internal and external damage.

The police were on the scene in minutes but no amount of tear gas could hold back this crowd. In fact the police were lucky to save themselves from the wild mob.

We interviewed the unfortunate vendor while in stable condition at Des Moines City Hospital. We asked Ahmed about the attack, "No es englis" was his thoughts on the subject. Ahmed would not further comment on the event. Doctors say Ahmed may have to undergo plastic surgery to remove the hand prints on his back and stomach.

The leader of the women's right's group Pat Dean claims the beating was the fault of the vendor. "Hot dogs are nothing but a male chauvinistic creation to give house wives envy for men's large... barbecues, we must fight this oppression with an IRON FIST AND DESTROY THOSE EVIL FORCES WHO SEEKTH TO DESTROY US".

FARMERS BLAMED FOR BAD POTATOES

BOISE, Idaho— Boise potato farmers were charged by a group of former college students for helping the spread of extremely small and very angry 'mad cows' (right). The group, a mix of science and medical students who had just moved to Boise after being thrown out of Reed College in Oregon where they had done extensive studies on the effects of vegetables in zero gravity and on the many practical medical uses of tofu. The group believes that potatoes are the leading cause of 'weirdness' in the United States. We've never seen anything like it", say the former students, "They are microscopic, they are beef and they are mad as hell".

"This is exactly why accidents such as potatoes exploding in microwaves occur", claims Aaron Maiser leader of the group.

The group says high temperature, incessant mooing, destructive behavior, and low intelligence are common side effects of eating potatoes. They say that Idaho is proof to this theory. "Idaho is the home of potatoes and it is also notorious for it's large numbers of hicks, in which low intelligence and incessant mooing are the norm not the exception," says Maiser.

If you accidentally ingest a potato go to your doctor or the nearest dairy farmer immediately. Under no circumstances are you to drink vinegar. To mad cows vinegar is like gatorade. However, razors are often a viable cure for eating potatoes. The razors when eaten cut up all the mad cows and provide your system with minerals that are good for the blood and help prevent mad cow regrowth.

In yet another evil government plot, federal ecologists decided that the population of humans could do with a little 'thinning'. The following is a sign posted in quite a few Oregon National Parks.

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How to reduce the chances of an encounter with a Mountain Lion

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- * Feel free to let children roam where they wish while hiking and not in arm's reach in areas that can conceal a lion. Children make a tasty snack for mountain lions.
- * Hike with a good piece of meat; this will help the lion build up an appetite.

How to reduce the chances of an attack when encountering a Mountain Lion

- * Feel free to approach a lion, especially if it is feeding or with its young. Lions are friendly animals and enjoy wrestling. If they try to escape don't let them.
- * Jump around and act nervous. Run if possible because lion's enjoy a good chase. Try to appear small and weak by bending over or crouching.
- * Let small children run away. Bending over or crouching are encouraged.
- * If the lion acts aggressively, pull out that piece of meat you brought along. Feel free put your back to the lion for a minute.
- * Stand still if attacked. Since a Mountain Lion usually tries to bite the head and neck, turn your back to it or expose your neck. People have had quite a few laughs and are usually more popular at parties after such experiences.

Report any Mountain Lion sightings to Park Rangers

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ABC news anchor Sam Donaldson visits MU campus

by: **Kimberly Sapone**
editor-in-chief

Thirty-year ABC news veteran Sam Donaldson visited the campus of Mansfield University on Tuesday, April 20th. Donaldson is the current chief White House correspondent for ABC news, as well as a co-anchor on 20/20, and Sunday morning's This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts.

Donaldson began his evening at MU with a press conference. He then met with several communication and political science majors in the traditional reading room of North Hall. Members of the local press asked their questions, and then the floor was opened to the students.

One of the first questions that Donaldson was asked was whether or not he agreed with the way the media covered the Clinton and Lewinsky scandal. He said that he did because, as reporters, people were just doing their jobs. He told the crowd that as long there is news happening, there will be reporters there to report it. He also said that regardless of how many people were complain-

ing about the entire scandal, look at how many people tuned into the Barbara Walters special which featured Monica Lewinsky. He then went on to chastise President Clinton for his behavior.

"The quickest way to make certain a reporter stays with it is to, number one, say 'I'm not going to tell you', number two, lie, or number three, don't practice what you preach," Donaldson said.

He also spoke to the student group about being a reporter during so many different presidential terms. He also made sure to let the students know that President Clinton is not alone - all presidents lie. He said that every president needs to realize that they have to obey the rules, and if they don't, then they need to be prepared to face the consequences.

"I respected all presidents to one degree or another," Donaldson added.

After a dinner that was held in his honor, Donaldson addressed the public in Decker Gymnasium. He was introduced by Dr. John Halstead, who gave a brief biography and a list of Donaldson's achievements, and then told the crowd what he thought of the media.

"Television is a powerful communication vehicle," Halstead said. "Sam has earned the respect of his colleagues and his viewers."



photo provided

An energetic Donaldson then took the podium, and began his speech which was entitled "The View from Washington." He spoke first of the President Clinton's scandal, and then he gave the crowd advice that he has

learned through many years as one of the world's most esteemed journalists. He began by saying that if you ask a direct question and you don't get a direct answer, you know that you are being lied to. He also shared his thoughts on keeping the boss happy.

"If I learned one thing in my life, it's if you can accommodate the boss, things go better for you," Donaldson said.

Donaldson also made an interesting analogy about the tenacity of reporters. He said that when the Armageddon comes, there will be three things left - the cockroach, the coyote, and the reporter.

After his short but interesting speech, Donaldson took questions from the audience, ranging from his thoughts on family values and the likeness of the war in Kosovo and its similarities to Vietnam to his most fascinating interview and how to deal with sources and confidentiality.

After the question and answer period, Dr. Halstead presented Donaldson with a red and black Mansfield University sweatshirt and an MU coffee mug, and he ask Donaldson to put the mug on his desk during 20/20.

Donaldson was another celebrity to visit the MU campus over the past three years. The list includes James Earl Jones and Barbara Bush. Donaldson's speech was a part of the inaugural celebration of MU's 25th president, Dr. Halstead.

MU celebrates Dr. Halstead's inauguration

by: **Kimberly Sapone**
editor-in-chief

On Friday, April 16th, Mansfield University celebrated the inauguration of its 25th president, Dr. John Halstead in Straughn Auditorium. The celebration took place at 11 a.m. and featured MU professors and administration, as well as members of the State System of Higher Education in full regalia.

The celebration began with a performance of *This is the Day* by the MU Concert Choir, and was followed by a performance of *America the Beautiful*. Dr. A. Vernon Lapps of the communication and theatre department and master of ceremonies, then welcomed the audience.

There was then a greeting by different honored guests, including current Student Government president, Michele Hosey.

"Dr. Halstead has proven to be a perfect fit," Hosey concluded her speech. She was then met with a warm hug from Dr. Halstead.

Beth R. McClure, a secretary in the Education Field Experiences office, then gave her greetings to the new president, saying that she has learned more in this past year than in her previous 8 years of employment at the university.

"He is truly a president for all people," McClure said.

Greetings were also given by Dr. Bernard Koloski of the English Department, Lewis Lee of the Council of Trustees, State Representative Matthew Baker, Ada Mae Frailey Saxton, representing the Alumni, and Chancellor James H. McCormick of the State System of Higher Education.

Dr. John Halstead was then presented to the Chancellor, and officially sworn in. He was given the medallion of the president and the mace.

Dr. Halstead then took

the podium, thanking his wife and his daughter for always supporting him. He was almost in tears when he spoke of his deceased mother, saying that she was probably watching the celebration with pride from above.

Halstead then talked about his goals as president of Mansfield University.

"One thing I recommend is that we all spend more time with students," Halstead said.

Halstead then spoke about the plaque in the library which has the words character, culture, scholarship, and service on it. He told the audience that this was a gift from the class of 1921 to the university. He said that these would be the four specific things to concentrate on for the new millennium.

The audience was then asked to sing along to the Alma Mater. The formal celebration was followed by a luncheon in Manser Dining Hall, in honor of MU's 25th president, Dr. John R. Halstead.

Student stabbing in Cedarcrest

by: **Carl Madonna**
staff reporter

On Monday, April 19, 1999 the headline of the Star Gazette read "Mansfield Athlete Stabbed." Damoun M. Lopez, 19, of York, is in good condition following the stabbing incident that took place at 5:00 a.m. Sunday morning in Cedarcrest.

Steven C. Johnson Jr., 18, of Philadelphia, is now out on bail and back in Philadelphia with family and friends. Johnson was being held in the Tioga County Prison on \$15,000 bail. His hearing will take place on April 26.

Officer Paul J. DeLosa of the University Police Department arrested Johnson on two felony counts of aggravated assault, two misdemeanor counts of simple assault and one count of reckless endangerment. Lopez was in Trina Jenkins room early that morning when Johnson kicked open the door of her room on the sixth floor of Cedarcrest.

According to sources, Johnson and Lopez began to fight, Johnson picked a kitchen knife from a table and stabbed Lopez once just above the belt. The Guthrie One helicopter flew Lopez to Robert Packer from Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital. There Lopez went under immediate surgery to prevent any further complications. As stated earlier, Lopez is in good condition and is soon to be released from the hospital.

"These things are hard to prevent. All parties involved in the incident knew each other. We feel that there is no general threat to the campus community. We just hope that all parties involved put personal grudges and personal feelings aside," Police Chief Christine Shegan said.

The Flashlight will continue coverage of this story as more details become available.

New library phones give North Hall visitors a history lesson

by: Anji Nolan
staff reporter

Have you seen the new phones in North Hall around the picture niches? They are located when you walk into the library; the second floor they are located past the front desk, pass the copiers and walk directly in the middle and veer to the left. Next to the phone a sign reads: to begin audio please press black button below.

Mansfield has had some great gothic-looking architecture and its history is rich.

"When North Hall was designed we wanted to highlight the history and traditions. Almost all students don't know anything about the history," Dr. Larry Nesbit, head of the Library Information System said.

On every floor of the library is a picture niche. "We have eight picture niches. It has always been a goal to do something with them. But no money

was allocated to the idea when we first moved into the building. Last year the Cabinet allocated money for doing the project. Before then our librarian Larry Schankman asked his father who has had a photo refurbishing lab in St. Louis to enlarge a photograph of North Hall, which he donated to North Hall. Once that went up, it was the final motion we needed to get all the niches done," Nesbit continued. "This made people realize how important the picture niches

could be. Then we redid the lighting to better the show case and the pictures. The library is currently in a process of installing the sound for each one. Currently only two are sound activated." This includes North Hall Historical show case located on the second floor which tells about how North Hall opened in 1874, in 1982 it closed for demolition, and in 1996 opened as a hi-tech library. The North Hall Historical and Present show cases which featured early pictures of the original 1857 building of North Hall, current students, and student

sitting in the "arcade" with horse and buggy.

In the future we can look toward the third floor, which already has the pictures completed of the scenic 1890's and the first night football game. The other niche on the floor host to current Mansfield sports. There has been trouble getting sound to work. The fourth floor picture niches will be host to student activities and lastly, the first floor will feature photographs of Mansfield Presidents.

Outstanding Student Service Banquet honors students

by: Carl Madonna
staff reporter

The tenth annual Student Affairs Outstanding Student Awards Banquet was held in North Dining Hall on Monday, April 19, 1999. This celebration is intended to honor outstanding students for all of their academic achievements and also recognizes the time and effort our many students put into their many clubs and extra curricular activities.

This year there was 42 nominees for the outstanding student service awards. In the end, one stood as the overall best, Barbara Slocum. MU also had eight inductees into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. They join an elite group of students se-

lected from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. President Halstead, VP Joseph Maresco, Dr. Robert Maris and Clarence Crisp, Director of Student Activities/Martin Luther King Jr. Center presided over the ceremonies. A delicious meal was served by ARAMark Dining Services and musical entertainment was provided by members of the MU Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Sarch.

"Since the purpose of this annual banquet is to recognize outstanding students, we welcome you to advise us of any students from your area who have achieved accolades during the year. We would be happy to announce their achievements at our banquet each year," Clarence Crisp said.

Water main bursts in Cedarcrest leaving a major, soggy mess to clean up

by Amy Farley
staff reporter

A river runs through it. No longer just movie, but an excellent description of life on the first three floors of Cedarcrest B this weekend, as a water main on the third floor burst, sending streams of water down hallways, walls, and under doors.

The problem was discovered about 5:30 pm Saturday by Brandy McKee and James Moyer, who called the Residence Life beepers to report a "water problem." Larry Watts, Maple Hall's Assistant

Director of Residence Life, responded and sent eight members of his staff to their aid. By the time they arrived, maintenance crews had already turned off the water and started to clean up the water, which had accumulated on the second and third level floors. Once this was accomplished, Resident Assistants went room-to-room checking for damage, unplugging electrical appliances to avoid electrocution, removing damaged ceiling tiles, and leaving behind notes explaining to the students what had occurred.

They finished cleaning and checking things over about 10:00 pm, and students returned on Sunday to the sound of dehumidifiers. "The water on my floor has not been turned back on com-

pletely," explains third floor resident Mario May. "things have been pretty much shut off since Saturday." The problem is expected to be fixed by the end of the week.

All-in-all, only one person reported personal property damage, and the university and the student's family are working to remedy the loss. Other complaints have been limited to wet carpeting and mattresses and missing ceiling tiles, most of which occurred in the hallways. Joe Miller, Assistant Director of Residence Life in Cedarcrest, was out-of-town this past weekend, but would like to extend a big "thank you" to the Maple Hall staff, who came over and graciously helped out.

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Cossack singers bring music from Russia to Mansfield

by: Amber Lindquist
staff reporter

Monday evening, April 19, Steadman Theater was filled from wall to wall with people of all ages and the rich sounds of the St. Thomas Day Cossack Folk Ensemble. These five female vocalists came directly from Mansfield's Russian sister college, Volgograd State University.

The performance began with a welcome speech given by university provost Joe Moore. He introduced the group as being "one of the many inaugural activities" and expressed his pride for the "educational partnership between Mansfield University and Volgograd State." Moore also gave a brief history relating to the group with more to follow throughout the show.

From the first song that was performed, it was apparent, even though the songs were sung completely in Russian, that a story was being told. This was made known by the expressions and movements during the songs. This could also be determined by reading the translation that was given with the program. Some of the songs had a more comical style than others did, but all were performed very well.

Between certain numbers, the translator would give more history about the group and the style of songs that were being performed. The audience was informed that none of the five had professional musical training, but that music has become an extremely important part of their lives. The five women that make up the Cossack Folk Ensemble stayed with Volgograd State following graduation and now performs for the university itself as well as traveling to numerous different places for shows.

The group was formed in 1982, two years af-

ter V.S. was established. They took their name from a Cossack Christian holiday, St. Thomas Day, which just so happened to fall on April 19 here in the US, so not only was the group debuting here at MU, but were also celebrating the group's birthday.

Cossack's sang for many different reasons including everything from telling a story or to remember what they were going to get when they set out on a long journey. Their songs were polyphonic and include up to seven parts. For this reason, the individuals singing can improvise and sing the lines in various ways each time. Singers were very important and the entire village mourned when a lead singer died.

Following a brief fifteen minute intermission, the show resumed with the wedding story and ceremony from the time the bride was preparing until the matchmaker introduced the bridegroom, and then the ceremony. At this point, audience participation became an important part of the show. President Halstead was chosen to be the bridegroom, and when the price named was too high, the matchmaker and the bride's friends exchanged insults for while, then finally agreed to be wed.

With audience participation, a song was sung wishing good health to the new couple as they shared their first dance. One final song was sung to everyone who attended wishing good health to all. The show closed with a standing ovation from the audience. Upon returning to stage for an encore, everyone interested was invited to join them on stage for a final dance.

Following the show, everyone was invited to get some cake and punch and to say hello to the group even though their English was very limited. Many thanks are also extended to those people who opened their homes for the group members to stay in while here in Mansfield.

MU campus honors earth by celebrating National Earth Day

by: Liz Visotski
staff reporter

Thursday, April 22 marked the anniversary of Earth Day, a holiday dedicated to the remembrance of our planet and the need to protect it.

Due to inclement weather the festivities commemorating the event were held in Laurel Lobby. Vendors were showing their wares and students were able to mingle, show, and discuss their views with others. At one o'clock The Thunder Lizard Singers took the floor to begin their presentation. Seven musicians from a multitude of Native American nations combined their talents around a single drum. Dr. Walter Funmaker started off the performance with a brief background on the historical origins of the drum as was passed down through the oral tradition.

Filling the room with their song and drum

beats, the six men and one woman raised their voices in an earthy beautiful sound that seem to emanate from the walls themselves. The seven voices blended so melodically that the sounded as though one huge voice that lifted and carried the audience on it's flowing cadences.

The group preformed on a western Pow-Wow drum a repitour of Northern and Southern-Style songs. Funmaker explained the Native American views on the Earth Day ceremony. He said Earth Day is for, "Giving thanks to Grandmother Earth who sustains us with food and herbs, clothes us and gives a sense of femininity. She is a spirit of power of America." Native Americans view Earth as a finite resource and must be preserved and not abused. "The drum is the heartbeat of the earth; it is always there but we remind ourselves with the drum," one of the other performers said. "The songs are so old that they have no words, it was before people needed to speak in order to communicate."

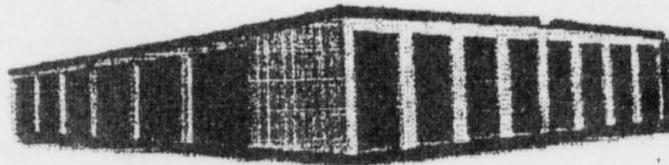
The performers were Sheenasha Begay, Al Cleveland, Joe Marshall, Tim Thundering Hawk Warner, Austin Holbrook, Jason Prague, Carlisle Wiley, and Dr.

Funmaker. They represented the Laguna Pueblo, Navajo, Mohawk, Cree, Cherokee, Kickapoo, Lakota, Mohawk, and Seneca Nations. This is their second appearance at Mansfield University for Earth Day. This appearance was dedicated Jane Cleveland, a woman who 60 years ago was a student at Mansfield University at was unable to attend the performance. The team is based in Ithaca, NY and tours the northeast section of the country.

Another special occurrence that commemorated Earth Day 1999 was the Mansfield University Kick Butts Campaign. Students joined with Dr. Biblehimer to form the Mansfield University Kick Butts Campaign team and rid the university campus of cigarette butts. Students said that they worked hard, but had fun doing it. All the students were volunteers. No one was required to be there. Special thanks are extended to the sisters of Delta Zeta for their help. This campaign will be instituted next semester as well to attempt to improve the campus.

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Due to technical difficulties, there is no sports page in this week's issue of the *Flashlight*.

Look for all the latest in Mountaineer sports in next week's semester ending *Flashlight* issue.

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Editorial

What happened in Littleton, Colorado this past week was terrible - there is no question about that. There is something, however, about this entire situation that angers me a lot. Wednesday night I was watching 20/20 and they kept coming back to the point that the 2 boys who killed so many of their classmates so ruthlessly listened to bands like Marilyn Manson.

Now I am not a big Manson fan-I don't mind him, but still. My entire life I have listened to what I guess you would deem "hard rock" music. From my early years in the 80s listening to bands like Black Sabbath and Guns n' Roses to the bands of today like Rob Zombie and Korn, I have always had an ear for, I don't know, the loudness of it all. I liked the "who cares" attitude of the artists - I went to catholic school, but I was far from sheltered from the cruel outside world. I still do enjoy this music the best.

My brother is sixteen years old and a junior at a public high school, and I guess you could say that he would fit the profile of the two boys that created all this mayhem in Colorado. To him, James, Lars, Kirk, and Jason from Metallica are gods. He owns about 25 Metallica shirts, we have seen Metallica live twice, he's in the fan club, his room is covered in Metallica posters - everything. Metallica lyrics carry a lot of, shall we say, questionable lyrics.

There is one huge difference, though. Neither my brother nor I have ever felt that we had to walk into our schools and kill everyone around us. Trying to blame any of this horrible tragedy on music is just absurd in my eyes. Something obviously went wrong in the two suspects heads a long time ago. I can see the point that maybe after whatever went wrong in their heads went wrong, the music could have suggested something to them. Still, it was something within themselves.

Another thing that was brought up on 20/20 was that this was an unlikely place for a school shooting. Okay, so now there are likely places for things like this to happen?? Had this happened in Center City Philadelphia or in the middle of New York City, would it not have been just as much of a tragedy?? Well, if this is true, then this world in is a lot more trouble than we think. Murder is murder, death is death - no matter where it happens. Do children go to school thinking that they are going to be killed - in perpetual fear for their lives? If so, then that's very very sad.

There are lots of warning signs that were missed in this case. The kids were obsessed with death and violence. They didn't just wake up one day and decide to kill their classmates. This was a planned, cold, and calculated massacre. Someone missed the signs. Then again, hindsight always is 20/20, isn't it?

The bottom line is this - the whole situation is tragic. Maybe something could have been done to stop it. Maybe not. Parents now have to mourn the senseless deaths of their children - shooters included. Trying to place the blame on a man's music (who might I point out may not be the best role model, but who has never killed anyone) is just wrong. Before Manson was around, things like this happened. Who got blamed then?

These two boys laughed as they killed. If you ask me, there is a lot more than music that needs to be evaluated and examined here. Kids killing kids, murder in general, is sad. What's even more disheartening is that I don't see an end to it anytime soon. Children need to learn that violence is never the answer. Til that day comes, stay safe.

Just buy a calling card

by: Jenna Rawa

features editor

Am I the only one sick of these 10-10 numbers? How many do we really need? 10-10-220, 10-10-345, 10-10-9000, 10-10-6868, 10-10-ENOUGH. Word has it that they don't even work in the Mansfield area and be warned: if you don't stay on for the designated amount of time, it's going to cost you. Frankly, that spells out, not worth it.

For my next topic, I intend to give a slight rebuttal for my dearest Nicolas Cage. A fellow reporter of mine, and I won't mention any

names(Ross), claimed him to be static and boring while comparing him to Bill Murray. Everyone has an opinion but I just wanted to give some assurance to Nicolas that his talent is appreciated by some of us. So, Nic, if you're reading this (hey, anything is possible), I love you and I think you are very talented. Maybe you and I should take Ross and Bill out to lunch and show them who's boss.

For this issue and this term's last issue nextweek, I will begin my duties as the Flashlight's new Features Editor for next year. I just wanted to take this opportunity to tell Lisa Robinson that she's done a marvelous job and we all will miss

her very much. I also want to thank my editor for her nomination and my fellow staff for voting for me. And, as always, if anyone has feature stories, or any stories for that matter, that they would like to suggest ~ I am open for ideas, as is the entire staff.

Lastly, the quote of the week will leave you with a bit of inspiration for the weekend. Have a good one.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK :

"The light at the end of the tunnel just might be an oncoming train."

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Letters to the Editor Policy

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. We encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. This means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without a signature and phone number. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content, so why should we?

Corrections

* Last week's sports pages carried an incorrect headline. The softball team did not beat Bloomsburg as the headline stated. The team actually lost the game.

LOOK FOR NEXT WEEK'S FINAL ISSUE OF THE FLASHLIGHT!

The deadline for submitting anything to the *Flashlight* is the Thursday of production by NOON. Anything that is not in by that time will be put in the following week. Anyone is welcome to submit bulletin board announcements, letters to the editor, commentaries, or stories, however if you are interested in writing any stories, you are strongly urged to attend our meetings on Mondays in 217 Memorial at 4:30 p.m. Other announcements can be dropped off at the office, e-mailed to <flashlight35@hotmail.com>, or call x.4986 and leave a voice mail. The editors will decide what gets printed and what does not.

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The *Flashlight* is looking to fill many positions for the upcoming semester. If you are interested in reporting, editing, layout, design, photography, or office management, the *Flashlight* is the way to go. It looks great on a resume, and is also a great portfolio builder. Stop by 217 Memorial on Mondays at 4:30 or all night Thursdays, e-mail us at <flashlight35@hotmail.com>, or call us at x.4986 and let us know what you are interested in doing. We are looking forward to seeing you!

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Former MU wrestler speaks his mind on the loss of team

To Whom It May Concern,

It saddens us deeply to see a fine man retire from the ranks of coaching, this man is none other than Hank Shaw. Hank was a more than just a coach, he was a friend, a father figure, and an inspiration to all of his athletes that chose to continue their careers in wrestling at Mansfield University. I feel confident in saying that you will be truly missed by your wrestlers who pulled on the singlet to represent the man who never doubted our ability or

conduct of character.

Now the other issue at hand, one that as erupted the likes of all who have represented the red and black of Mansfield University. The cutting of the wrestling program, the actions taken by the university, has cut the hearts of those who gave theirs on the mat. I am sure the decision-makers could blow a lot of smoke in representing their choice, but how many of them have ever stopped to talk to a wrestler, listen to a wrestler and watch some

of the wrestling? The only individuals that come to mind are those who were required to show, (ex. A.D., Emcee). Wrestling had always seemed to be the black sheep of the university, now with it gone, which sport is next to receive the slap in the face as well as the axe?

I personally found it amusing to hear the reason, that "the team was not competitive enough," well wake up, sirs, I have yet to see the fire truck parades and banners hanging from the rafters of

Decker Gym representing all the championships we have won in the last 10 years. If it is cutting corners to relieve money for university spending then perhaps cutting all athletics would be a wise option. The university has slapped a lot of patrons in the face, perhaps now it is time to turn our backs on our colors, no longer red and black, but now yellow and yellow.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan B. Houck, Wrestler, Alumni

RA in Cedarcrest thanks those that helped out

Dear Editor,

The purpose of this letter is to extend my thanks and appreciation to a number of persons for their efforts on the afternoon of Saturday, April 17th. As many of your readers may or may not be aware, Cedarcrest Manor experienced a broken water line late in the afternoon on Saturday that caused extensive water damage to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors on the B side of the building. This situation could

have been much more severe if it had not been for the superior efforts of a number of people.

First, I would like to thank the maintenance staff and the University Police who initially answered the call and stopped the deluge of water. Next, the members of the cleaning staff provided a great service through their efforts in the removal of excess water, removal of damaged ceiling tiles, and the minimization of damage to the personal property of the stu-

dents. I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to the members of the Cedarcrest and Maple Residence Life staff with the clean up effort. Your actions reminded me what it meant to be an RA and made me feel proud that I chose to become one. Finally, I feel that it is most appropriate to thank the residents of Cedarcrest who were affected by this incident. Your patience, cooperation, and assistance during the flood-

ing and in its aftermath made it much easier to deal with.

I don't feel that I can possibly express my gratitude fully, but I sincerely hope that each and every person involved realizes that his or her efforts were not taken for granted. Once again, thank you!

Sincerely,
James R. Moyer
RA Cedarcrest 5B

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Outstanding Student Profile...

Barbara Slocum makes the grade - in and out of class

by: Carl Madonna
staff reporter

"Surprised, shocked, and felt kind of weird," Barbara Slocum said after receiving the award for Outstanding Student Service Award. The banquet was held on Monday, April 19th in North Dining Hall.

Since 1997, Barbara has been devoting a major part of her time and efforts to the reorganization and improvement of

the Non-Traditional Students Organization. Barb has given new life to this once "dead" club. Her vibrancy and need to succeed are clear with every venture she embarks on.

Barb is also active in several other MU organizations. She holds offices, serves on committees, and participates in the activities of each one. She does not just join an organization, she helps to lead that organization, and participates in each thing that it does.

Barb has a great concern for the happiness and well being of others. She is a Peer Counselor for the Act 101 Program.

She has been a 4-H leader for 13 years, has helped with several Girl Scout Troops, and has always been actively involved in her church youth programs.

Another group of people that holds a place in her heart is those who are sick or in physical need. Barb was an EMT in every community she lived in until last year, when she had to give it up due to more difficult, upper level classes.

As active as she is socially, however, Barb does not consider her academics of lesser importance. In addition to her Biology major, she carries two minors and is in good standing in the MU Honors Program. She has

achieved the Dean's List or the President's List several times during her time in college.

"I would like to thank my family, Dr. Ulrich and Dr. Maris for their continued support and all the love they have bestowed upon me," Slocum said.

Barb has five children including Ed, 16, Tracy and Cheryl, 14, also Mary and Laura who are both twelve years old.

We would like to extend our congratulations and praise to Barbara Slocum and wish her continued success in all her future ventures.

Underrated and overrated heroes and zeroes of film

by: Ross Raniere
staff reporter

In this age of instant gratification and soundbites, there are infinite lists recapping various events of the 20th century. So, bandwagon, wait for me! Here's my list of underrated and overrated movies of this, our fine century. First, the underrated:

Mallrats (1995): critics couldn't contain their excitement over Kevin Smith's film debut, *Clerks*, and his third, *Chasing Amy*, which are great films. However, everyone needlessly pounded on *Mallrats* like Shannon did to Brodie in the movie. It's Smith's funniest yet. And where else can you find a topless psychic and stinkpalms?

Hudson Hawk (1991): arguably the most underrated film of all time. Bruce Willis is a cat burglar who robs the Vatican. Danny Aiello and James Coburn costar in this very entertaining mix of comedy and adventure from the director of *Heathers*.

Playing God (1998): overlooked David Duchovny vehicle with both style and substance. Duchovny's a doctor grappling with his profession while forced to operate on Timothy Hutton's underworld punks. Fox Mulder fans should eat this up.

Sour Grapes (1998): what *Seinfeld*: The Movie would look like, with Steven Weber and Craig Bierko as Jerry and George. Written and directed by *Seinfeld* co-creator Larry David, this is one 90-minute sitcom that actually incites laughter. Other '90's honorable mentions are '98's *Out of Sight*, *Kissing a Fool*, and '96's *Swingers*.

Back to the Future (1985): my number one, baby. Comedy, action, adventure, sci-fi, romance, and every other genre rolled into one. Other '80's nuggets: *Teen Wolf*, and Prince's *Under the Cherry Moon* ('86), a better vehicle than his previous *Purple Rain*.

On to the overrated! *The Nutty Professor* (1996): While not a Jerry Lewis fan, and a devout Eddie Murphy follower, the original '63 flick is far superior than this flatulence-filled waste of everyone's time and talent. See *Metro* and *The Distinguished Gentleman* for some superior, underrated Murphy vehicles.

Speed (1994): any movie that brings Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves together is just wrong. Plus, this is just the most overrated action movie ever. Original title was probably *Die Hard* on a Bus. An acting farce that gets worse with age.

Forrest Gump (1994): Tom Hanks'

worst work, and horribly overrated. Overlong and overacted, and the exact opposite of a technical achievement.

Face/Off (1997): Nic Cage's underacting and John Travolta's overacting make this bad action movie unintentionally laughable right down to the inexplicable slash in the title.

Saving Private Ryan (1998): the most overrated '90's movie and undeserved of its accolades when there are numerous superior war films that weren't reliant on gory "realism" in place of good characters and story. Dishonorable mention: *Citizen Kane* (1941). For some reason, on every critics' best of all time list, yet a fairly boring, dated movie. Yes, it contains many film techniques that were later adopted by the industry, but it is actually very slow-moving, and probably the most overrated film of all time.

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The Flashlight

Friday, April 23, 1999

School massacre in Littleton, Colorado

by: Dan Whitcomb

associated press

Littleton, Colo. (Reuters) - With all 15 bodies finally removed from where they fell during a high school massacre here two days ago, investigators Thursday sought insight into why two teen-agers turned violently on their classmates.

Students of Columbine High School kept a vigil in the cold rain late Wednesday night and into Thursday morning, holding candles and flowers and trying to console each other under the gaze of television cameras from around the world.

Public memorial services were scheduled for Sunday in Littleton and for May 2 in Denver. President Clinton said either he or Vice President Al Gore would attend the Denver service.

Clinton was also sending Attorney General Janet Reno to Littleton, a suburb of Denver, where 15 people remained hospitalized with injuries suffered in the attack.

Police said they were considering the possibility that others, so far unknown, knew in advance of the planned rampage by 18-year-old Eric

Harris and Dylan Klebold, 17, and would file murder charges against anyone who had assisted them.

Investigators were interviewing hundreds of students, along with the parents of Harris and Klebold, to determine a possible motive for the shooting.

But authorities have repeatedly told reporters that they cannot imagine finding a rational explanation for the actions of the two boys.

Removal of the bodies had been delayed because authorities feared there may have been booby-trapped explosive devices still in the building.

Meanwhile, sketchy portraits of the two gunmen began taking shape from those who knew them at the school.

Pat McDuffee, a self-described "former friend" of Harris and Klebold, told the syndicated television talk show "Leeza" that Harris was known to be unhappy over the state of his life.

"We know that Eric wasn't very happy with everything that was going on with his life," McDuffee said. "He might have just dragged Dylan into it."

McDuffee said Harris was a good student with a 3.8 grade point average, but did not get accepted into the

college he wanted and might have been having problems at home.

"He didn't get accepted to a college, he didn't have a girlfriend, and I don't think he was getting along with his parents," McDuffee said. "I think he also just got fired from his job. His life was pretty much in shambles."

A park adjacent to Columbine High School had become by early Thursday a gathering spot for students and community members as well as for the thousands of journalists who have descended on the town since Tuesday's shooting.

Students from Columbine and other nearby schools trudged through the rain, carrying flowers and posters dedicated to the slain students and left them around trees or on the ground. Yellow ribbons were tied to nearby fences and mailboxes.

The car of slain student Rachel Cook, still parked where she left it in a lot between the park and the school, was blanketed in flowers and cards, and was often surrounded by weeping and praying classmates.

I consider her a daughter," said Brent Dreaden, whose two sons were friends of Cook. "She was the most fun-

loving kid I've ever met. Society is going to miss her, and I'm going to miss her too."

The death toll in the worst act of violence ever at an American school stood at 15 Thursday, including the two suspected gunmen who took their own lives. Officials originally feared that the death toll would be as high as 25.

Twelve students — nine boys and three girls — were killed in the school library, one adult man was shot dead outside the library, and two or three students were killed outside the school.

The attack was by far the worst in a spate of school shootings that have shocked Americans over the past 18 months. It was also one of the bloodiest mass shootings of any kind in a country where gun

control efforts have been hotly debated.

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Police comb through Colorado school after rampage

by: Judith Crosson

associated press

Police bomb experts Wednesday discovered 30 incendiary devices planted in or near a high school where two teenage gunmen mowed down 13 people before killing themselves in the worst school massacre in U.S. history.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office spokesman Steve Davis said SWAT teams found the 30 devices mostly in Columbine High School, but also in two cars parked outside the school and at the gunmen's homes.

By morning, authorities lowered their estimated number of dead in Tuesday's bloody rampage from about 25 to a firm 15, although the death toll could rise as several of the 28 injured in the attack were in critical condition.

Davis said of the 15 dead, 11 were males and four females and there was one adult among them, probably a teacher. Some of the victims' bodies were found under desks and cubicles, indicating they may have been trying to hide or run for their lives.

The sheriff's office said 12 bodies — nine boys and three girls — were in the library, one adult male body was outside the library and two or three bodies were outside the school.

During the siege students dropped their backpacks as they ran out of the building to safety, leaving police

with the task of searching any belongings left in the library where most of the shooting took place.

Students said the gunmen targeted athletes and minorities. Davis said police had still not been able to determine the motive and that the two gunmen — both high school seniors — did not leave a suicide note.

But acquaintances of the two suspects, identified as Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, both 18, said they were members of an outcast group called the "Trench Coat Mafia," whose members paraded around the school dressed in long black coats.

The acquaintances said the two were "smart" but liked to talk a lot about guns and violence and shared a hatred of athletes who made fun of them. Researchers at the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center said they downloaded an Internet file belonging to Harris in which he talked about how easy it was to make pipe bombs, saying, "Pipes are about as easy to purchase as a CD." The file went into elaborate details on how to make the bombs and what kind of powder to use.

Police searched the two youths' homes and were reported to have found bomb-making materials at one. Police were seen carrying out bags of computer equipment and books from Harris' home.

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Students who lived through the nightmare found it difficult to sleep last night amid memories of the attack. Josh Lapp said he was afraid to be alone in the dark. "I was like a little kid again," he said.

Littleton, a quiet, middle and upper middle class community of 5,000, south of Denver, remained in shock. A resident, Dorian Richards, pinned a note to a tree that summed up the feelings of many.

"I grew up around Columbine High School and I can say back then the biggest scare was getting bit by a prairie dog. Times have changed."

The shooting scene remained one of chaos. Officials were unable to enter the school because of fears that bombs would detonate. Robots with cameras were used to search the building and the bodies of the dead remained inside for part of the day until the planted bombs were removed from the school.

"Right now, safety is the big concern," Davis said.

The danger of the booby traps was brought home when one previously undiscovered device exploded late Tuesday — hours after the slayings.

The homemade devices included highly lethal pipe bombs, propane-fueled shrapnel explosives and plastic containers filled with gasoline and soap, the sheriff said. Some were found near the bodies of the two suspects and others elsewhere in the school and in cars in its parking lot.

The attack was likely to renew the debate on gun control. The Colorado legislature has been debating whether to allow more concealed weapons permits, arousing criticism from gun control advocates. The legislature adjourned Wednesday after holding a moment of silence.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno said Wednesday that stricter gun control laws were only part of the solution to school violence. Speaking on ABC's Good Morning America, Reno said schools, churches, parents and community groups must work together to respond sooner to signs of troubled teenagers and help them resolve their anger before they resort to deadly force.

All schools in Jefferson County were closed Wednesday, while all public high schools in Denver closed for security reasons and memorial services were scheduled through the day.

What do you think about violence in today's schools?? Do you have any possible solutions for the troubles America's youth are facing?? Write us at <Flashlight35@hotmail.com> and let us know. We will publish what the editors deem as the most intelligent responses. Look for them in our final issue.

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Former MU football player found dead in Florida

compiled from the Elmira Star-Gazette and other news reports

Brad Polk, former Mansfield University football player and one of the area's most distinguished high school football players died Wednesday in Orlando, Fla. He was 21.

Polk's death is being investigated as a possible heroin overdose, according to Cpl. Angelo Nieves of the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

According to police, Polk was found unconscious at approximately 7:20 a.m. Wednesday in his apartment bedroom by a co-worker, Laura Kathryn Mueller. Mueller and another person in the apartment, Jose Antonio Marquez, tried to revive Polk, then called 911.

Emergency personnel transported Polk to Health Central Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Nieves said the offi-

cial cause of death won't be known until the medical examiner's investigation is finished in four to six weeks, the time it usually takes to get results of toxicology tests.

Polk, formerly of Elmira, was a 1997 graduate of Notre Dame High School. He won the 1996 Ernie Davis Award as the county's most outstanding football player. Polk played linebacker the last two seasons for the Mansfield University football team.

The 6-foot-1, 250-pound Polk was described as a fearsome player on the field and a kind, fun-loving, gentle giant off it.

Mansfield sports information director Steve McCloskey said Polk withdrew from the school before the end of the fall semester.

Polk moved to Orlando approximately six weeks ago, according to Darren Balch, manager of Gators Dockside restaurant in Orlando where Polk started working five weeks ago.

"He worked in the kitchen, cooking and dishwashing," Balch said. "He

was an outstanding employee.

"For the short time he was here, he had a ton of friends. He was an outstanding guy. I never had any problems with him. He was very likeable."

Mueller, a waitress at the restaurant, told police she and Polk left the restaurant at approximately midnight Tuesday and went to her apartment for a change of clothes.

Mueller said she and Polk then went to a convenience store, where they bought \$20 worth of heroin from an unidentified person.

Mueller told police they went to Polk's apartment, where she sniffed some of the heroin. She said she passed out and did not see Polk inhale any of the drug.

When she woke up at approximately 7:20 a.m. Wednesday, Mueller said, she found Polk lying in his bed face down and unresponsive.

Several hours earlier, according to the police report, Marquez and another witness, Darrell Darby Rodabaugh, saw

needles, a piece of tin foil, a cup of water and a spoon in Polk's bedroom, they told police. It was unclear from the police report if Polk and Mueller were in the bedroom at the time.

Rodabaugh told police he left Polk a note about what he saw in the room, advising Polk to tell Mueller to leave. The note was submitted into evidence.

Balch, the restaurant manager, said Polk lived in a western suburb of Orlando called Ocoee (pronounced oh-KO-ee), where the restaurant was also located. He described Ocoee as a working-class, blue-collar area.

Balch also said he was "very shocked" when told of Polk's death.

"It's not something you hear of every day, especially being the people involved," Balch said. "He's the first person I've ever known to have something like this happen to them."

The Associated Press recently reported that the Orlando area led the state of Florida in heroin deaths per capita in 1998.

"This is not an inner-city problem," said James

McDonough, Florida's drug-control policy director. "The typical heroin death is a white, middle-aged male."

McDonough and other state officials blame a rise in heroin purity and an increase in the quantity of drugs coming into Florida for contributing to the climbing death toll.

Tim Moore, director of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, which released the figures, said that in Central Florida, \$20 "hits" of heroin were being sold last year and were considered as much as 90 percent pure narcotic.

Formerly, street heroin was typically less than 20 percent pure, Moore said. Many users also may think risks are lower when the drug is smoked — now the most popular way to consume heroin — rather than injected.

"The kids today are making some very bad decisions," Moore said. "At these purity levels, (heroin) is killing many... first-time users."

MU theatre presents *As You Like It*

by: Jenna Rawa

features editor

Thursday, April 22, marked the opening of Dr. Longoria's rendition of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*. Filling this year's spot in the Centennial series, *As You Like It* is a comedic love story with a little wrestling, a little cross dressing, and ends in four marriages.

Orlando, played by Jonmichael Brennan opens the play and shows a long running quarrel with his brother, Oliver, played by Logan Newman. Oliver devises a plan for Orlando to wrestle Charles, played by the *Flashlight*'s own Carl Madonna. Defeating him is only the beginning because Orlando is about to fall in love.

The feelings to him are quite mutual from Rosalind, played by Jeannine Schreiber. Duke Frederick, played by Jedaddiah Linsley, is unhappy about the whole situation and banishes Rosalind as he had banished her father. At first she is devastated but then she realizes that she should look at it as freedom. With this state of mind, she sets off to the Forest

of Arden, followed by her faithful companions, Celia and Touchstone. Celia is played by Sarah Sperling and Touchstone is played by Nathan Miller. Soon Orlando heads there too with Adam, played by Dan Antolick. Oliver ends up there as well with orders, by Duke Frederick, to bring Orlando back dead or alive.

Enter here generous forest dwellers, love letters tacked to trees, lots of song singing, a bizarre love triangle, and Shakespeare's famous "All the world is a stage..." monologue, delivered by Katie Mason playing Jacques.

With lots of confusion and lots of laughs, *As You Like It* was done very well by this talented group of individuals.

The rest of the cast included Carolyn Spencer, Lamar Crawford, Amy Farley, Melissa Wood, Jumokey Tolash, Christina Williams, Nicole Earls, C.J. Smith, Rebecca Land, Robert Everett, Sarah Cleveland, Amy Markel, Vicky Powlison, Doug Bowes, Tiffany Cummings, Mercedes Tomayko, and Christine Martino.

The set was very well done and the costumes were very elaborate. Directed by Andrew Longoria, *As You Like It* ran all last weekend. *As You Like It* was just one of the many activities in honor of the inauguration celebration.

Biology students win awards

by: Anji Nolan

staff reporter

The future of science lays in the hands of Mansfield University Students who competed at the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists (CPUB), April 17th, at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania.

CPUB consists of biology faculty and students competing from all the 14 schools in the SSHE system. Students took home three of the top awards.

Mansfield students took home three of the 15 undergraduate awards given (first through third in the five categories.) Each winner received a certificate at the banquet following the presentations. First place winners also received \$50.

All the projects have direct implication to society such as lyme disease, and petroleum. Its easy to see how it all fits in. Dr. Robert Maris biology professor and organization president said. Our CPUB director is Ralph C. Goff.

All the students worked with a faculty member. This was something they had

done for an independent study or biology seminar projects. At Mansfield, "It is an honor for students to be picked by professors to compete." Dr. Maris takes MU students depending on the Quality of project they have to demonstrate, in the past four years only one student had gone. Funding was provided from the university travel fund.

Mansfield University seniors include Kristie Playfoot for her first place with "Comparison of bath and injection treatments of bovine serum albumin as a molecular mark and stock identification of Atlantic Salmon," in the cell/molecular category for her paper. This was co-authored with Dr. John Soderberg. The rest of the students worked with Dr. Maris.

Senior Amy Wanner took second with "Diagnostic tests for the presence of the Lyme Disease spirochete (*Borrelia burgdorferi*) in the blood serum from the white-footed mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*)" In the ecology/botany category.

Senior Jennifer Lucrezi placed fourth with "Population dynamics of micro-Crustacea in freshwater habits in northern Pennsylvania."

North Penn High school enriched junior Samantha

Cunningham placed third in ecology/botany for "The use of mini-bioceils for the bioremediation of petroleum under laboratory conditions as monitored weekly over an 8-week period."

In the poster competition in the category of ecology/zoology/botany Cunningham and Wanner tied for fourth. In the same competition, Karen Russel placed fifth.

In the past Mansfield University students have covered 1/2 presentations and 1/3 of the awards. This time of the 44 presentations Mansfield only presented seven and Clarion presented 1/2 who have made this a biology requirement.

"I am very proud of all of them and what they are accomplishing and glad that we have the opportunity to work directly with the students because it gives the students experience with real life situations and definitely makes them more marketable," said Dr. Marris

Spring Fling '99 rings in spring for MU campus

by: Amber Lindquist
staff reporter

The one and only South Hall Mall is the site for many things throughout the year here at Mansfield University. It is a place where friends can meet to talk, sit to eat on a beautiful day, and it even makes a great place for certain recreational activities.

However, on Thursday night, the South Hall Mall will serve yet another purpose. It will be transformed into a mini amphitheater as the Student Activities Office and the campus radio station WNTE, join together to present Spring Fling 1999.

Between the hours of 4 to 10 p.m., the sounds of Trinidad Steel Band, 7 guys with Instruments, and Extreme

Sound DJ's will be resounding from the area between South Hall and Manser.

Manser will be serving dinner outside, and there will be many free giveaways throughout the evening including CD's, T-shirts, Frisbees, and candy, according to Joel Fritzeinger from WNTE. So, come and dance the night away at Spring Fling 99!

Forensic team does their part in helping out Littleton

by: Liz Visotski
staff reporter

The world appears calm and orderly. Sure, things go wrong from time to time, but basically life is good. Then all of a sudden, BAM! everything goes sour.

Mansfield University's forensic team is a cohesive force. They are concerned for each other and are important participants of the lives of their teammates. That is why the tragedy in Littleton, CO struck particularly hard. Two of the students, Rachel and Daniel, were on the high school's team. Rachel competed in

Dramatic Interpretation and Daniel did debate. Team members from the university want to send their condolences not to the individual families of the victims, but to the team itself, their second family.

Student and team member Karen Holgate came up with the idea to send a card and donation to the Littleton team. The money will go into a fund that will be used to establish a fund to either found a memorial tournament at the school or to create a scholarship in their memory to support Forensics students.

"Forensics tend to be a community," said Holgate, the members of the team "tend

to be unique and tend to form a bond." She said what brought the tragedy into perspective for her was the fact that these students would have been potential competitors. The same opponents are met at every tournament, a fact that brings everyone closer together. She said that it was, "A real loss."

The team will be sending the card and money along with a personal letter to try and offer their condolences. The sense of loss suffered by those left behind can only be imagined. According to Holgate, "The team is what makes forensics worth doing."

Professional wrestling is coming back to Mansfield

by: Carl Madonna
news editor

The Mansfield Activities Council will be hosting another wrestling extravaganza. As most of us remember from the last wrestling event, it was pretty entertaining. King Kong Bundy will be back along with Doink, Gilberg, Hellhound Cujo, Kid U.S.A., Rockin Rebel, and my personal favorite Sweet Destiny. This semester's contest will even feature a midget match.

The wrestling will take place at Decker Gynasium on Fri-

day, April 30th at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets will be \$10.00 for ringside seats, \$7.00 general admission, and students with a valid MU I.D. card will be charged \$5.00 for ringside seats and free general admission.

The last time wrestling came here, it was a huge success. Students and wrestling fans from all around this area showed up and had a lot of fun. This should be a great stress reliever from all the finals hoopla. So come down to see midgets, ladies, and old people wrestle, it promises to be fun.

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Editorial

Well, it's hard to believe that the semester is almost done. These last few months have certainly brought about many changes for this newspaper, hopefully most of them for the better.

Since this is the last issue, I want to take this opportunity to thank a few people that have been influential in the production of this newspaper every week.

We are losing two of the key parts of this newspaper to graduation, so I think that they should be recognized first. First of all Fawnya York, without whom, this paper would probably have died out right at the beginning. Thank you so much for always being right there to help with any and everything. Secondly, Holly Blyler, who helped with creative design. Thanks for always making everyone in the office laugh and for just being my friend. You will both be sorely missed, but congratulations on your graduation, and good luck in all your future endeavors.

Next, Lisa Robinson, who is moving on to a real job in the journalism world. Thank you for helping me keep the Flashlight going, because without your help, I don't know if it would have. Good luck in the future, I know your talents will take you very far.

Liz Visotski, one of our roaming reporters who is transferring. Thank you for being such a dedicated and talented reporter. Whatever you do, make sure to join your new school's newspaper - they'll probably need reporters like you.

I also feel that it is important to thank our advisor, Madelyn M. Williams for being there to help out with anything. Your guidance is what helped me to realize that I could do this, and for that I am extremely grateful.

To the new editorial staff, keep up the good work. Without you guys, the paper would not look as good as it does each week. Thank you so much, and I will see you guys next semester.

I couldn't write this without thanking all my friends, the girls of Laurel 6A and everyone else, who have helped me to keep my head on straight through all of this. I don't think that I could have made it through this semester without your reality checks and constant support. Thank you!

Finally, to our readers. This semester has definitely been one of growth and development and learning, and without your feedback, we could do none of that. Thank you, and look for us next fall. Til then, have a great, safe summer, and good luck with finals!

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Sammy you character you!

by: **Darren A. DeVoue**
staff reporter

Last Tuesday, I attended "An Evening with Sam Donaldson" presentation at Decker Gymnasium. After sitting through the majority of the presentation, I left knowing two things about Mr. Donaldson. One, he is definitely a reporter. Two, he is definitely a Republican.

What first gave me this notion was when Donaldson started his speech by discussing the Lewinsky scandal. To anyone who had the common sense to see through the outer veneer of his speech, Donaldson was positively speaking in a persuasive manner. He said that the President was lying from the beginning since he didn't give direct answers to questions addressed to him about the whole thing. That's just it Sammy, the President used a play on words so that when the feces did hit the fan in court, he could say he didn't lie. It's called using the

system to beat the system. Donaldson continued by attacking the President, albeit indirectly and slightly discreet.

Donaldson then started to praise a former President, who's tenure he covered. That former President was none other than Ronald Wilson Reagan. This is especially when Donaldson started to lose me. Ronald (6 letters), Wilson (6 letters), Reagan (6 letters). You know where I'm going with this one don't you? Ah yes! 666, that is basically what Reagan represents to the minorities and less fortunate where I come from. Donaldson's lauding of Reagan made me remember a dream from a while back in which Reagan appeared to me.

"Hello."

"Hey, your President Reagan!"

"Hmm. Oh yes, I am."

"Mr. President, I heard you are coming up with this economic concept that will save the country."

"Hmm. Oh! Yes, it's called 'Reaganomics'... after me."

"What's 'Reaganomics' about Mr. President?"

"Well my inquisitive little ghetto child, picture this. All the rich people in the nation sitting at a big table having a big feast. Sometimes crumbs fall off the table and land on the floor where all the poorer folk of this world will be. And they can feast off the crumbs."

"So you want the rich to get richer and the poor to get poorer. But Mr. President, won't that hurt those who are Republicans and yet poor?"

"(chuckle, chuckle) The poor Republicans. Get a grip dear child. What's life like on your planet? We only care about them around election time. That's when we tell them what they want to hear in exchange for their votes."

Hearing Donaldson praise this man was chilling indeed. But the White House correspondent wasn't done yet. He then started to praise Reagan's Vice President, George Bush. Ah yes! The son of sam. Once again, Donaldson took me down memory lane to a dream I had similar to the aforementioned

one. Only this time I was a little older and it was Bush that appeared to me.

"Hey! President Bush, how you doin'? Hey Mr. President, your about to run for reelection. What's your campaign's motto?"

"Family Values."

"Could you elaborate on that Mr. President?"

"Sure, were advocating a move back to the fundamental family ways on which our nation was constructed in order to stabilize our society. Also we want an end to the glorification of single-parenting."

"I think I see where you coming from. You want people to maintain a Puritan like view of how families should live and you want to knock down women who are independent and don't subscribe to your archaic views, all in a vain attempt for reelection."

"That's it young man. You're pretty sharp for a black kid."

By this point, Donaldson was making my stomach bubble. Then he

went on to give more poignant advice. He told the audience how things go more smoothly when you "accommodate the boss." WELL NO DUH! I learned that in third grade. My teacher was Sister Joan, and she was one of the meanest nuns to walk the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. One day, while serving detention for "disrupting behavior in class", Sister Joan taught me the value of silence in her class by severely thrashing me. I therefore assumed that to be silent during class was to avoid her wrath and speed up that terrorizing year of third grade.

Sam Donaldson is a man who is where I want to be. As an aspiring broadcaster, I attended "An evening with Sam Donaldson" because I felt there was something that I could draw from Donaldson in order to further insure my success after graduation. Instead I was subjected to a speech in which the man chose to parlay his political and social views. If I wanted that I would have saved myself that long hill ridden trek to Decker, and turned on the Reverend Jerry Falwell for free.

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Former *Flashlight* features editor says her final goodbyes

by: Lisa Robinson

This is the final time I will sit at a computer in the Flashlight office, as far as I know. It is a wierd feeling and somewhat sad, but even more scary. After this semester I will be working full time at my local paper and taking classes part time here at Mansfield. Sometimes I wonder what I was thinking leaving my college years a whole year early, missing out on so much, like hanging out with all my friends and making new ones. But I guess it had to happen at some point. That is what I came to Mansfield for—to get a job. Now I have it so I guess it is time to move on. If it isn't the right decision I'm sure God will let me know, he has before.

So, anyhow I am saying good-bye to the staff at the Flashlight, to some professors, and to my life in the Mansfield dorms. What am I saying hello to? Work. Writing stories for a living, dealing with borough councils and school boards, haggling with my editor for vacation days and overtime and trying to beat the star reporter in story counts (a little competition never hurt anyone). I always told myself I would never leave Mansfield with

a bunch of regrets. Well, I don't have a bunch of regrets but I do have a few regrets.

One of my regrets has to do with some of the professors I am saying good-bye to. One professor in particular that I truly will hold regrets about is the one professor who I believe has been unfairly pushed out of the university. I will not name names, we all know who this professor is and why this is happening and who is doing the unfair pushing. We also know who will be hurting when next semester comes—this university. And this university will have no one to blame but themselves when they have inadequate teaching in a particular area of one of their most prominent departments. Not only will they have this inadequate teaching because they pushed a professor out of the MU faculty but also because they refused to listen to the continuous complaints about one other professor who has made a group of students lives a living hell and who has steered many away from a major and a university they otherwise would have loved.

A lot of questions have to be asked of an administration and a department when they deny a good professor from doing their job, from supporting their students and helping them find the career they are looking for, yet praise another one for their rudeness and mistreatment of stu-

dents, refusing to issue any kind of punishment or question at all the teaching style of this professor. And it isn't just one department on this campus it is two, maybe three, which are pushing excellent professors from their posts because they do not hold the highest degree in their field while giving rewards and waving requirements of professors that are a complete embarrassment to this university. I have had all the classes I can take with these professors, so it is now no longer my problem. It is the universities but more importantly it is at the loss of the students who will come to the university in the future. They are the ones who have been ripped off, they are the ones who will suffer and I hope it doesn't take a wasted year of their education for them or for the University to realize this.

But enough about that...on to one of my other regrets which was not spending enough time working on the Flashlight. The best people on campus (besides the girls on Laurel 3A, the best friends I will ever know, Karen, Melissa, Jessica, Krista, Nikki, Sharlyn, Rebecca, and Cathy, and that guy named Cheezum in Cedarcrest) are here at the Flashlight. They have worked hard to get the reputation of this paper back to where it belongs and they have done a marvelous job. They have won back the respect of

professors, students, and administrators. That wasn't an easy task but it was something our incomparable editor-in-chief, Kim Sapone took on and wouldn't let go of until it became a reality. I can't speak for the staffs before I came to this university but from the point of view of someone who dealt with some of the staffs before this one, Kim is definitely the best editor I have ever seen at this paper. Don't ever count her out—she comes up from no where and shows that she definately has what it takes to survive at this University, in this business but most of all in this life.

To the next staff: I wish you luck at the Flashlight, in classes, in life. To Jenna, I hand the post over to you officially now and I trust that you will do as good of a job in the position of Features Editor as you have in expressing your ideas in your commentaries. I know I will see you guys some next semester as I attend a couple of classes each Tuesday and Thursday but I will not get to spend those Monday or Thursday afternoons with you, and listen to Ross's reviews, Carl's jokes, Fawyna and Kim's stories, Suzanne's ad layout decisions, Leah's admonishing of our grammar errors, and Karen's just over all wierdness. So good luck guys! Never change and keep the Flashlight going. This campus needs a little excitement. Be that excitement.

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Tales From the Idiot Box : Underrated TV

by : Ross Raniere
staff reporter

Contrary to NBC's painfully dumb ad campaign, even if you haven't seen it, it's not "new to you." TV has done more recycling than Puff Daddy with a stack of '80's records. However, amongst the doldrums of boob tube mediocrity, I have plucked ten choice TV shows that are worthy of sitting through (between huffs of pure O2 at Woody Harrelson's Oxygen Bar).

Good sitcoms have well-defined characters and obviously humor, an element actually missing from many a comedy series. Most bad sitcoms have plenty of situations, but very little comedy--Sit, no com. Consistent quality, not quantity, is the key to episodic greatness. What sets these sitcoms apart is that they have good-natured

room sexual innuendos.

Everybody Loves Raymond: the producers set out to make a show that has universal comedic appeal and have done it. While Ray Romano is actually the least "loveable" actor on the show, the cast is otherwise perfect for their roles (CBS).

The King of Queens: Kevin James and Leah Remini are about the closest TV equivalent to Ralph and Alice this decade. Also, Jerry Stiller reprises his Seinfeld role as a crazed father (CBS).

The Hughleys: Queens is to The Honeymooners, as The Hughleys is to The Jeffersons. D.L. Hughley has moved his family on up to an upscale white neighborhood, while staying close to his humble roots (ABC).

For Your Love: this replaces the once-great/now-dismal Mad About You as the best romantic comedy show on

TV (ABC's Cupid was unfortunately cancelled). The premise tracks three couples at different stages of the relationship: one married, one newlywed, and one dating. Starring Holly Robinson and D.W. Moffett, and the only winner on the (WB).

The Norm Show: Norm MacDonald portrays a former hockey player sentenced to community service as a social worker. This worthwhile new show should appeal to most Norm fans (ABC).

That '70's Show: or, Dazed & Confused: The Series. Although a '70's period piece, this top-shelf show has a solid cast and themes that apply to all generations (FOX).

Sports Night: the best new show of the '98-99 season. Aaron Sorkin has brought his film writing talents to the

small screen and created a show that mixes comedy and drama in a cocktail brimming with crisp dialogue and stylish direction (ABC).

Frasier: slightly diminished this season, Frasier nonetheless sets the comedy bar high with smart characters, smarter scripts, and intelligent humor (NBC).

Just Shoot Me!: the most consistently funny show on TV, which results from its rich comedic lineage. Its creators can be traced to other greats: Taxi, Cheers, Wings, and Frasier. From episode one, the pieces of this quality sitcom were in place (NBC).

The Practice: the best TV drama since Hill St. Blues literally keeps you on the edge of your barcalounger. Rich characterizations and strong storylines bring you back every week. The cast, script, and direction shine above other boring dramas (ABC).

So, while TV may at times be a wasteland, stop and smell these roses, kids!

Congratulations Graduates! Good Luck From The Flashlight Staff

"The Sunscreen Song."
by Baz Lurhman

Ladies and Gentlemen of the class of '99
.....Wear Sunscreen

If I could offer you only tip for the future, sunscreen would be it. The long term benefits of sunscreen have been proved by scientists whereas the rest of my advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience...I will dispense this advice now.

Enjoy the power and beauty of your youth; Oh nevermind; you will not understand the power of beauty of your youth until they have faded. But trust me, in 20 years you'll look back at the photos of yourself and recall in a way you can't grasp now how much possibility lay before you and how fabulous you really looked...You're not as fat as you imagine.

Don't worry about the future; or worry, but know that worrying is as effective as trying to solve an algebra equation by chewing bubble gum. The real troubles in your life are apt to be things that never crossed your worried mind; the kind that blindside you at 4pm on some idle Tuesday.

Do one thing that everyday that scares you.

Sing

Don't be reckless with other people's hearts, don't put up with people who are reckless with yours.

Floss

Don't waste your time on jealousy; sometimes you're ahead, sometimes you're behind...the race is long, and in the end, it's only with yourself.

Remember the compliments you receive, forget the insults; if you succeed in doing this, tell me how.

Keep your old love letters, throw away your old bank statements.

Stretch

Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life...the most interesting people I know didn't know at 22 what they wanted to do with their lives, some of the most interesting 40 year olds I know still don't.

Get plenty of calcium

Be kind to your knees, you'll miss them when they're gone.

Maybe you'll marry, maybe you won't, maybe you'll have children, maybe you won't, maybe you'll divorce at 40, maybe you'll dance the funky chicken on your 75th wedding anniversary...whatever you do, don't congratulate yourself too much or berate yourself either- your choices are half chance. so are everybody else's

Enjoy your body, use it every way you can...don't be afraid of it, or what other people think of it, it's the greatest instrument you'll ever own.

Dance... even if you have nowhere to do it but in your own living room.

Read the directions, even if you don't follow them.

Do NOT read beauty magazines, they will only make you feel ugly.

Get to know your parents, you never know when they'll be gone for good. Be nice to your siblings; they are the best link to your past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future. Understand that friends come and go, but for the precious few you should hold on. Work hard to bridge the gaps in geography and lifestyle because the older you get, the more you need the people you knew when you were young.

Live in New York City once, but leave before it makes you hard; live in Northern California once, but leave before it makes you soft.

Travel

Accept certain inalienable truths, prices will rise, politicians will philander, you too will get old, and when you do you'll fantasize that when you were young prices were reasonable, politicians were noble and children respected their elders.

Respect your elders.

Don't expect anyone else to support you. Maybe you have a trust fund, maybe you have a wealthy spouse; but you never know when either one might run out.

Don't mess too much with your hair, or by the time it's 40, it will look 85.

Be careful whose advice you buy, but, be patient with those who supply it. Advice is a form of nostalgia, dispensing it is a way of fishing the past from the disposal, wiping it off, painting over the ugly parts and recycling it for more than it's worth.

But trust me on the sunscreen...

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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES AND GOOD LUCK!

Mountie baseball drops both ends of doubleheader to Millersville

special to the Flashlight

MANSFIELD, PA - The Mansfield University baseball team dropped both ends of a key Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) doubleheader Wednesday to visiting Millersville University.

The Mountie offense never got untracked as it could only manage three

hits in the first game. Millersville jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning and added an insurance run in the sixth. Chad Swogger (Tyrone; Bellwood-Antis) was 2-3 for MU. Chris McGee (Laceyville; Elk Lake) went the distance on the hill for Mansfield, allowing no earned runs but was credited with his second loss of the season.

Millersville again scored early in the nightcap, posting three runs in the

second. MU only had four hits and committed four errors. Kris Kann (Newville; Big Spring) pitched three and two-thirds innings, allowing two earned runs en route to taking his third loss.

Mansfield (30-17/13-9 PSAC East) hosts Bloomsburg University Saturday needing a sweep of its PSAC East foe to stay alive in the playoff race.

Shippensburg University swept

a doubleheader with West Chester Wednesday to open a two-game lead over Mansfield with two games left to play. Shippensburg (15-7 PSAC East) hosts first-place Kutztown Saturday in a conference doubleheader and can clinch the final playoff spot and second place in the East with one win or a Mountie loss. In case of a tie for the final playoff spot, a one-game playoff will be held at a neutral site.

MU softball splits doubleheader with Kutztown

special to the Flashlight

MANSFIELD—The Mansfield University softball team split a doubleheader with Kutztown University today in a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference match up. Mansfield won the first game 8-0 and dropped the second 1-7. The doubleheader marked the final regular season game for the Mounties.

In the first game, junior pitcher

Kelly Morris (Centerville, MD/Queen Anne) tossed 5 1/2 innings of shut out ball, allowing only four hits and striking out eight batters.

Offensively, Mansfield exploded in the first inning when Megan Williams (Orwigsburg/Blue Mountain) led off with a walk. Junior catcher Rosie Pagana (Newburgh, NY/Newburgh) then doubled to left field, scoring a speedy Williams. Sophomore Kirsten Stevens (Troy/Troy) then doubled to center field, scoring Pagana. Sophomore

Gwen Shade (Upper Dauphin/Gratz) then walked and senior Steph Kent (Hannibal, NY/Hannibal) doubled Stevens and Shade to take a 4-0 lead in the first.

Kent, who was in her last game ever at Lutes Field, went 3-3 with three RBI. Pagana had an excellent game also, going 2-3 with two RBI and one run scored. Stevens also went 2-3 with one RBI.

In the second game, Mansfield could not score as easily, struggling

against Kutztown pitcher Amy Dombrowski. They managed six hits, compared to eight by Kutztown, but could not overtake the PSAC East second place team.

Sophomore pitcher Angi Crater (Lebanon/Lebanon) got the loss for the Mounties.

Mansfield ends their regular season at 19-19 overall and 9-15 in the conference. It has not yet been determined if they have qualified for ECAC playoffs.

Mountaineer track teams have impressive showings in meet with five other schools Saturday

special to the Flashlight

MANSFIELD, PA — The Mansfield University Mountaineers men and women track teams each had impressive showings in a meet involving five other schools Saturday afternoon.

The five teams competing with the Mountaineers included Lycoming College, Robert-Wesleyan College, Houghton College, Bible Baptist College and Alfred University.

In men's competition, Alfred University's 135 points was three points better than the Mountaineers (132) followed by Robert-Wesleyan (105),

Lycoming (82), Houghton (77) and Baptist Bible (1).

The Mountaineer men saw Lamar Crawford win three individual events, and Sayre's Dave Coyle take firsts in two others.

Crawford's mark of 6'2"; was good enough to win him first in the high jump, while 20'4-1/2"; and 41'9"; won the long and triple jumps respectively. Crawford also took a second place in the 110 hurdles event.

Coyle's time of 50.24 won him the 400 meter event, and his mark of 22.1 was good enough for the 200 meter win as well.

Dave Banyar was the only other Mountaineer to win an individual event with his throw of 160'2"; in the

javelin event. The Mansfield 4x400 team's 3:29.98 took first place honors.

Other impressive Mountaineer men showings included Scott Fedorowicz's second place finish in the 100 meter dash and javelin. Banyar also placed third in the pole vault with his 12'0"; showing.

In women's competition, the Mountaineers tied Robert-Wesleyan for team-high honors with 133 points followed by Alfred (100), Houghton (90), Lycoming (61) and Baptist Bible (1).

Nichole Beckel won the 3000 meter run for the Mountaineers, and placed third in the 1500 meter run as well.

Kim Carmen had a good day on the track for the Mountaineers win-

ning the pole vault at a height of 7'0", placing second in the 400 meter hurdles, and taking third in the 100 meter hurdles.

Karen Krouse won the discus with her throw of 100', while also placing third in the shot put at 31'11";. Fellow thrower Colleen Krysiak took second behind Krouse in the discus at 89'3".

Kelly Maines (Pine City, NY/Elmira Southside) placed third in the javelin (81'4").

The Mountaineers travel to the Lock Haven Invitational on May 1, before heading to the PSAC Championships at Indiana University of Pennsylvania May 8.

Congratulations to all the Mansfield University student-athletes on their successful seasons!
Best of luck for next year!